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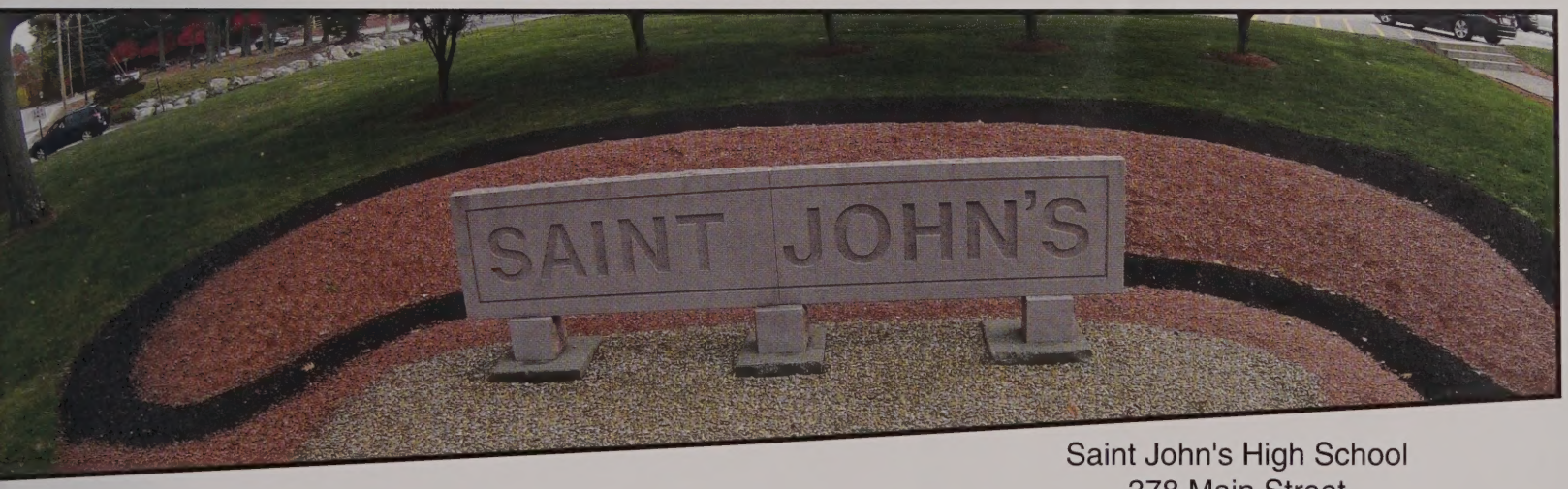
Introduction

Saint John's High School has educated young men in grades 9 through 12 under the sponsorship of the Xaverian Brothers since 1898. Through the Saint John's strong college preparatory curriculum, 1,000 students pursue personal and intellectual growth in an environment that is committed to the development of the whole person and recognizes a moral dimension of life through service to God and to others.



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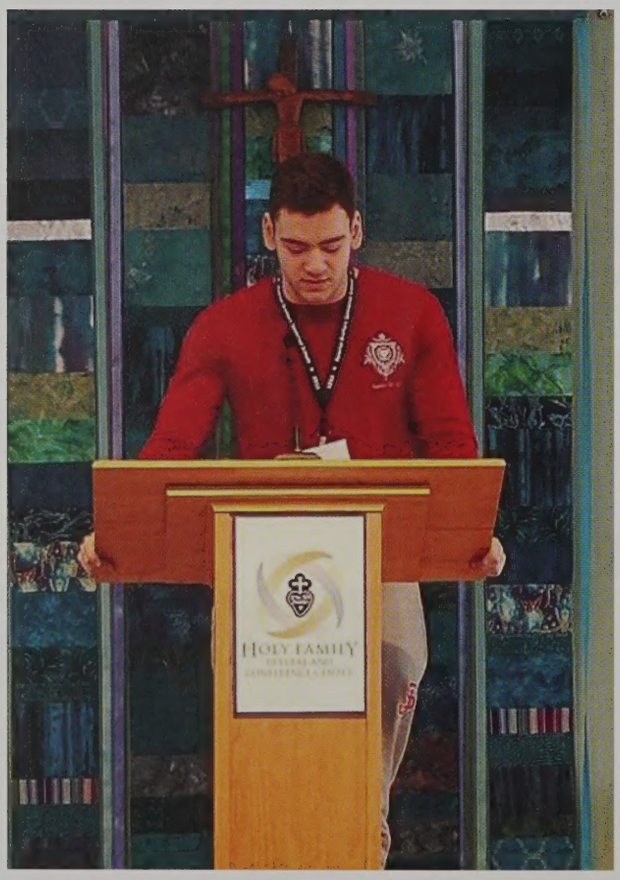
OPENING

This fall, the installation of two artificial turf fields and field lighting was completed on Pioneer Field. In his official announcement about this exciting progress, Headmaster Zequeira stated, "This much-needed improvement will impact every student at Saint John's High School, expanding our access to field space for our interscholastic, intramural, and physical education programs. This significant upgrade to the athletic fields is the first phase of a multi-year, multi-project Athletics & Wellness plan that will help fulfill the promise of the best, most rigorous and holistic education available to young men in our community and beyond."

Before the school year began, in August, our senior class heard the message that "to whom much is given...much is expected" at their SJLI retreat. At Saint John's, we are *all* given the privilege of great resources, learning opportunities, and supportive groups through which to grow our talents. We are grateful to this year's senior class for paying it forward and being true leaders for our underclassmen, and grateful to all at SJ who use what they have been given to be Pioneers in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, and in community with others.

The front and back covers of this year's book pay tribute to these exciting advancements and inspiring messages from this school year. Thanks to all at SJ who made this a memorable year!



DEDICATION

Mrs. Karen Shortsleeve

Mrs. Karen Shortsleeve P'02,'05 joined the SJ faculty in 1999, and became our first full-time visual arts teacher. We are indebted to her for building the foundation and growing this very important program in our school and in the life of our Saint John's men.

Mrs. Shortsleeve also introduced the AP Art History course at the school - an opportunity greatly valued by our students and one that expanded the breadth and depth of our AP program.

Mrs. Shortsleeve was a long-time yearbook moderator who created beautiful work that continues to inspire our current moderators to build the best book possible. We are grateful for her service to Saint John's and for the support of her entire family including her husband, David '75, and her sons, Brian '02, Joe '05 and Andrew. Congratulations on your retirement, Mrs. Shortsleeve!

ADMINISTRATION

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Headmaster

Margaret Rourke Granados
Principal

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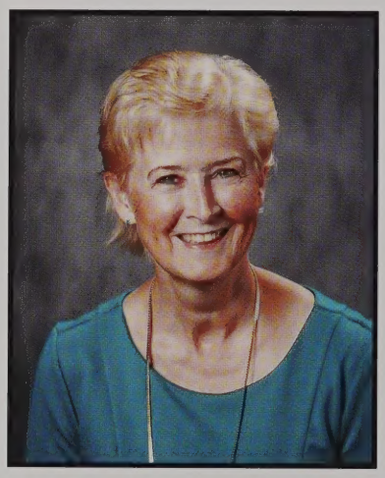

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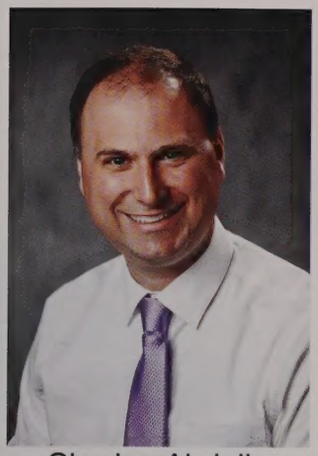
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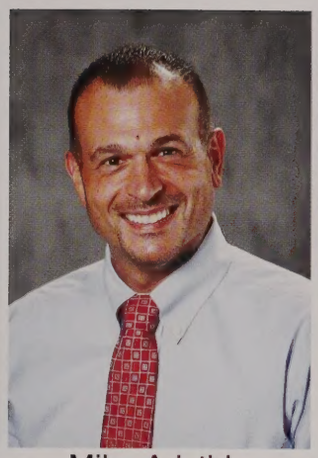
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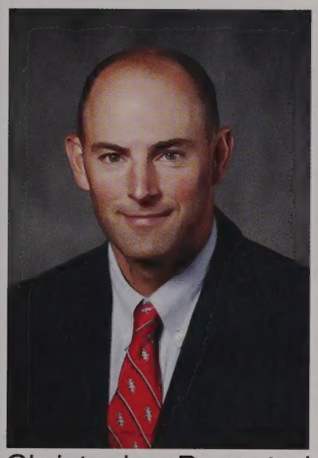
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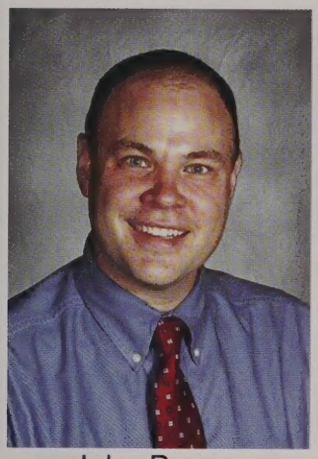
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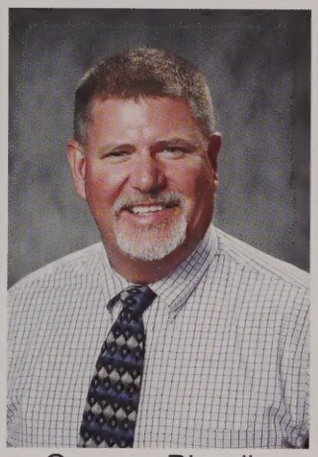
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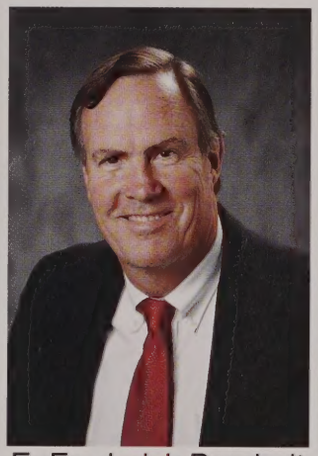
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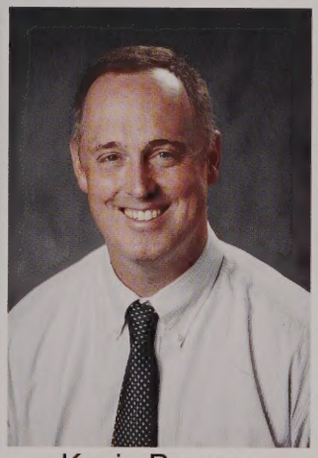
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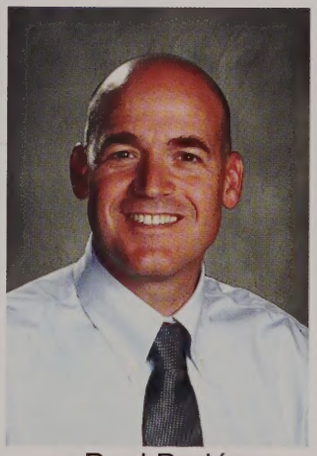
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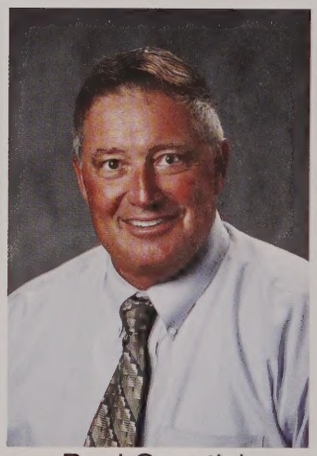
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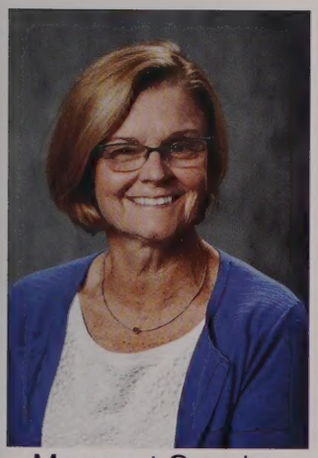
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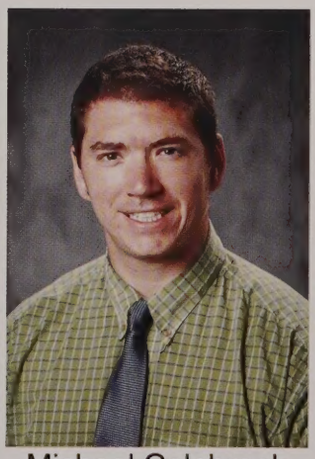
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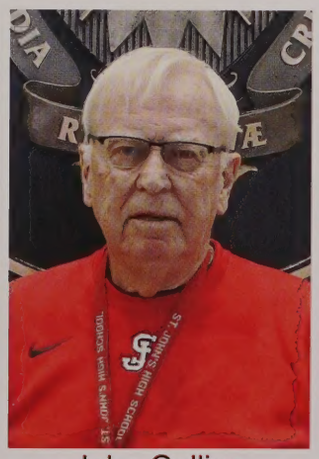
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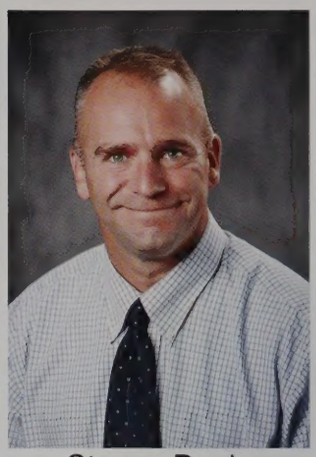
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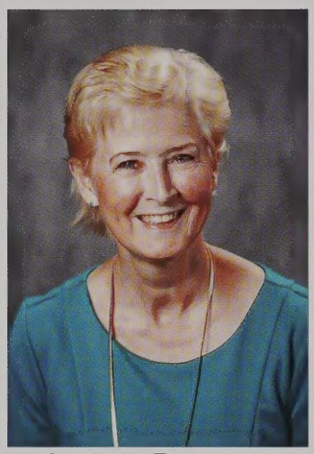
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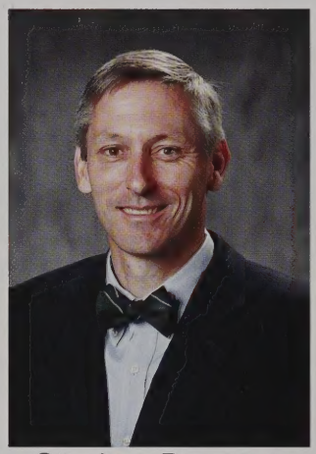
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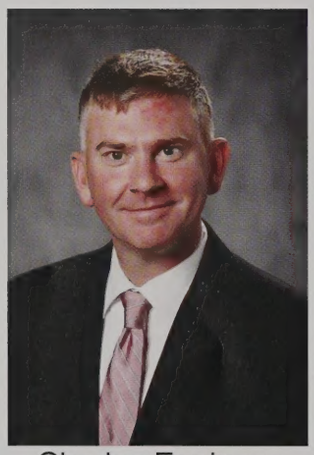
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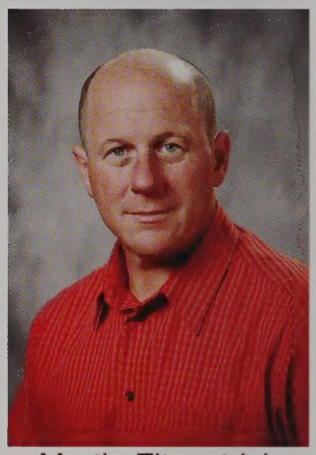
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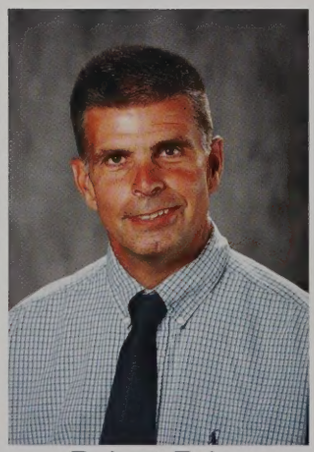
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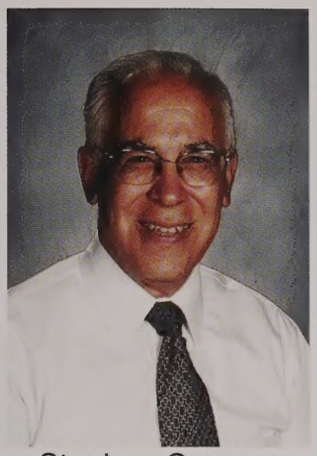
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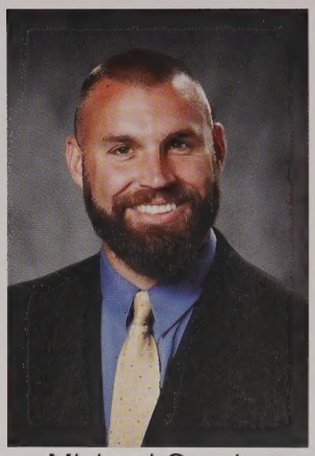
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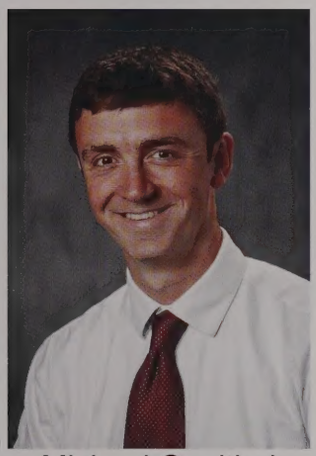
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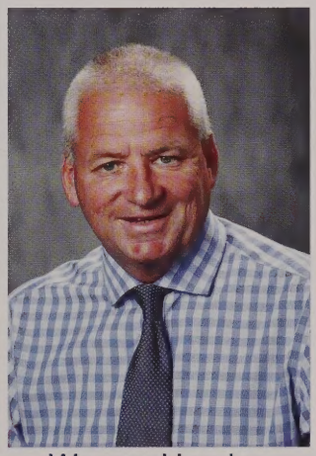
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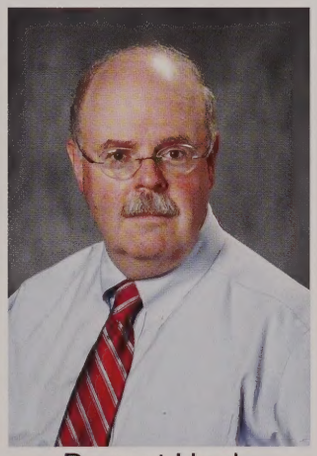
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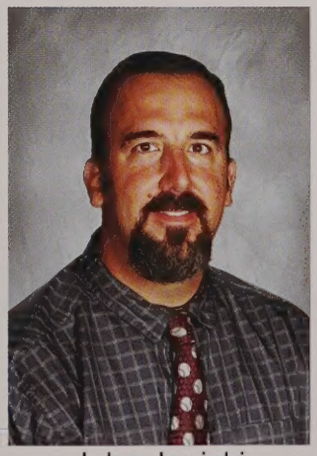
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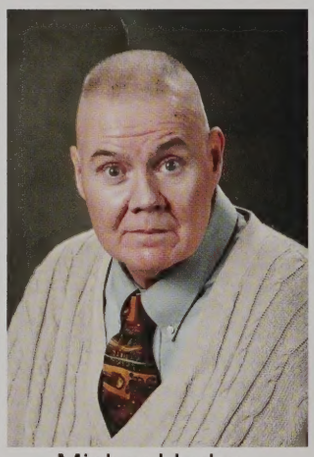
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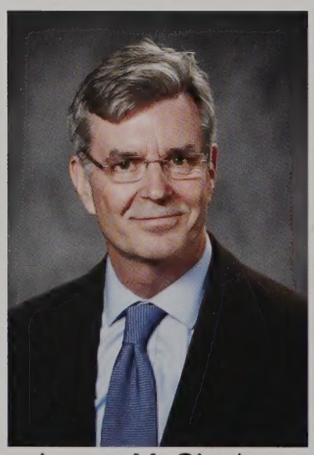
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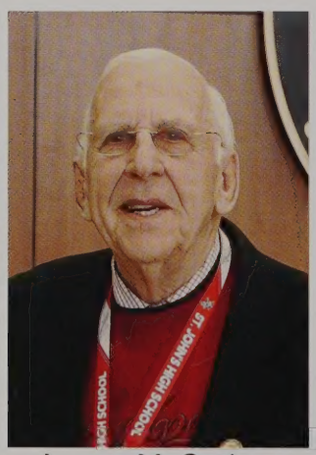
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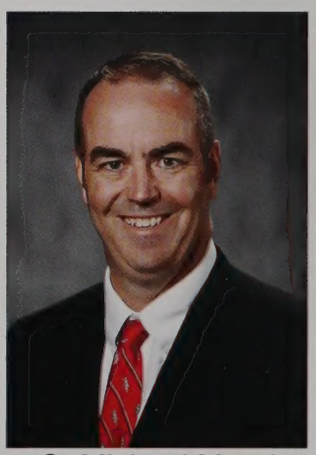
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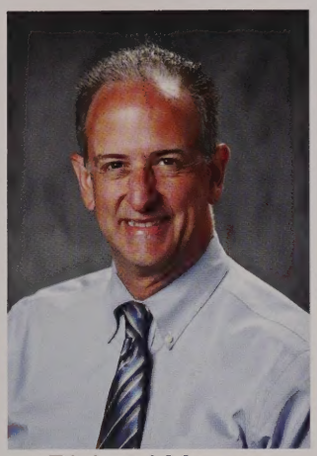
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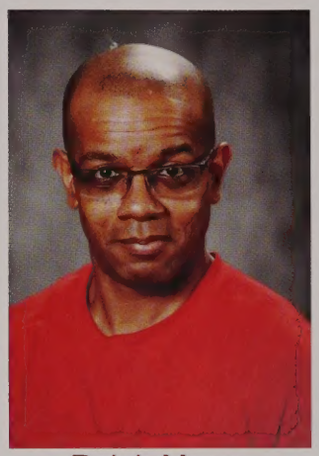
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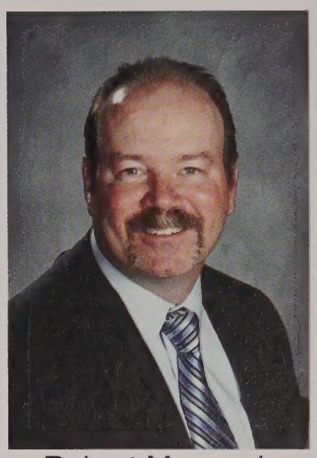
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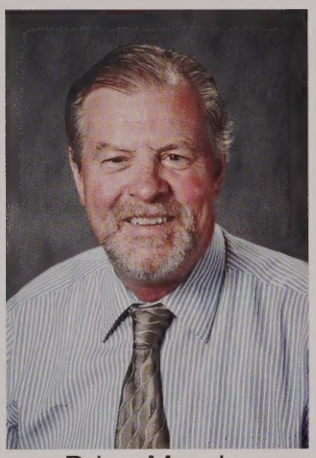
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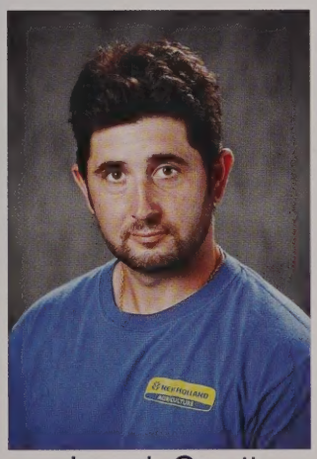
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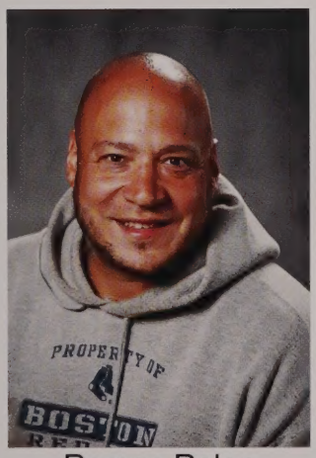

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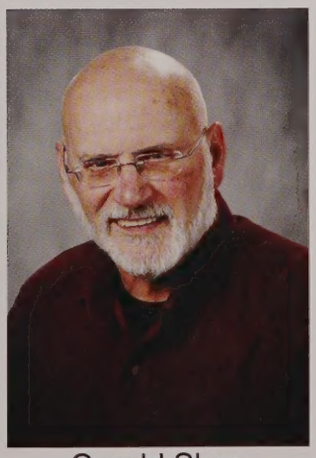
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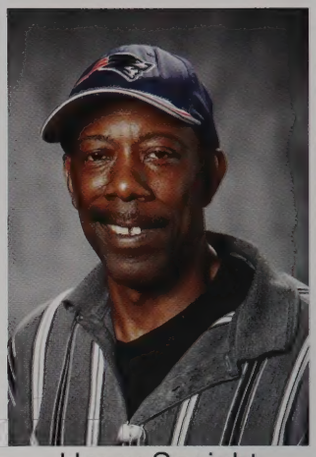
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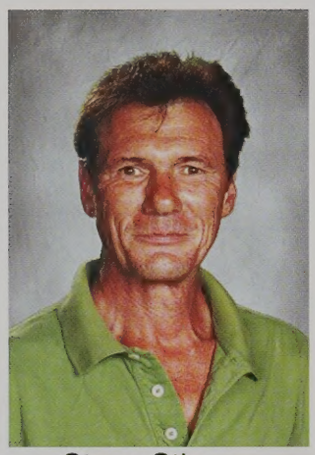
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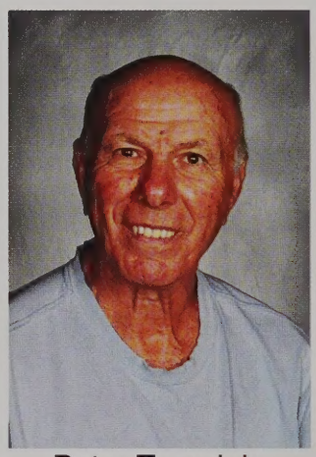
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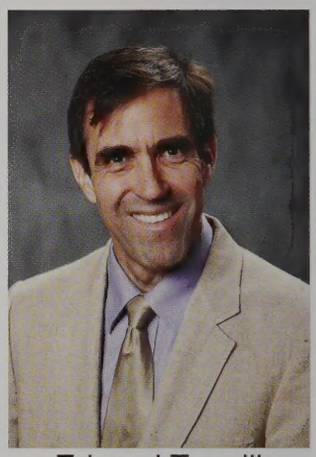
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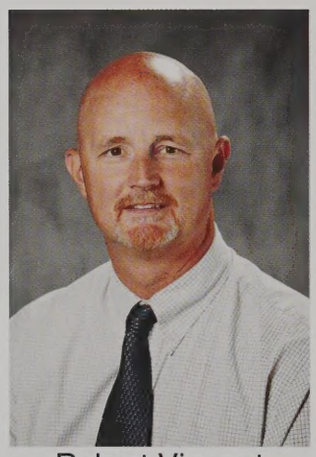
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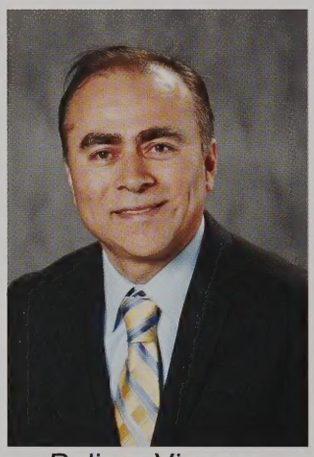
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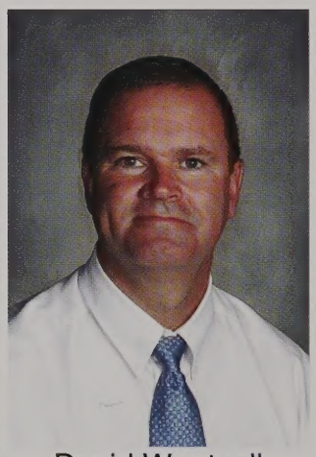
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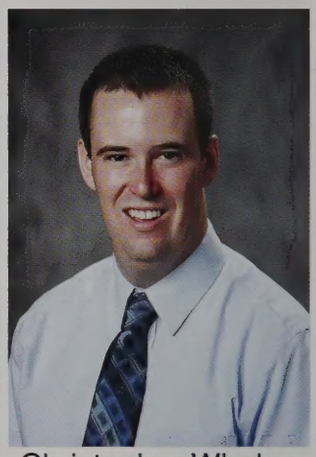
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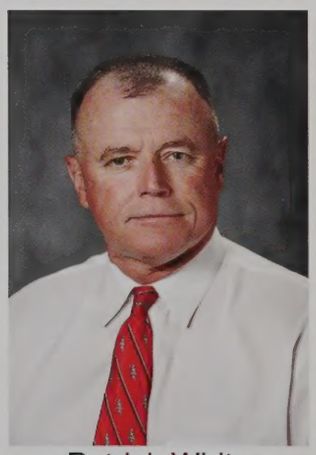
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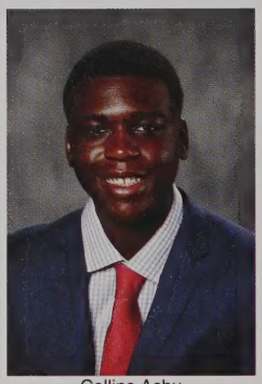
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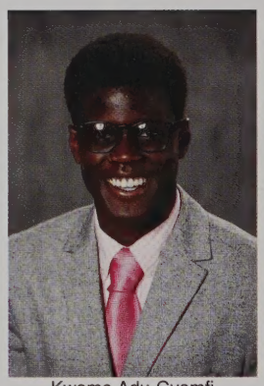
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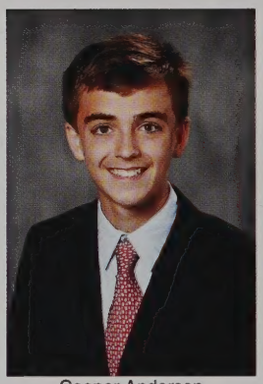
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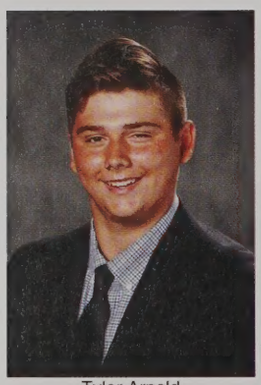
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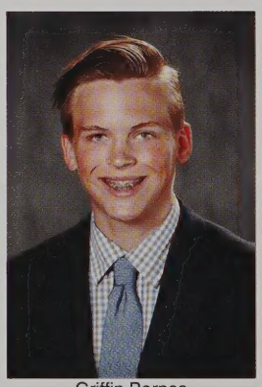
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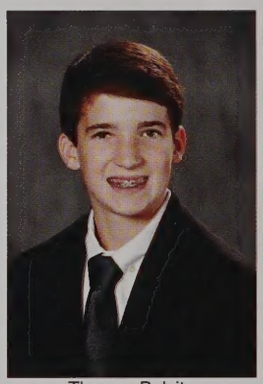
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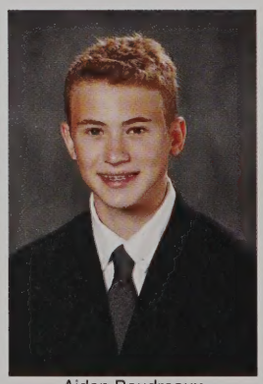
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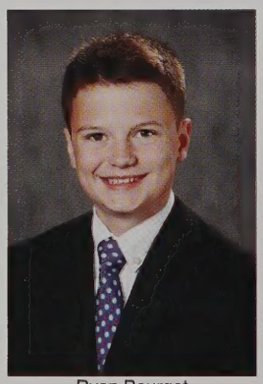
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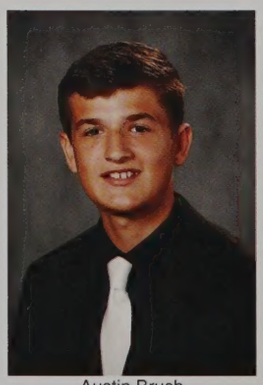
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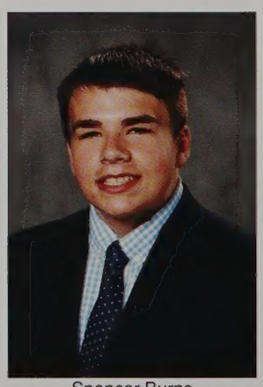
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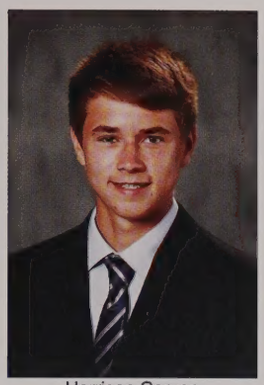
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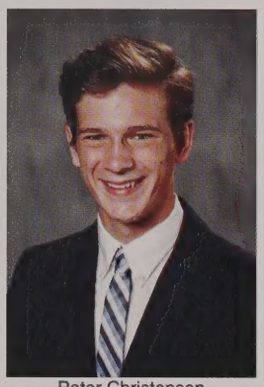
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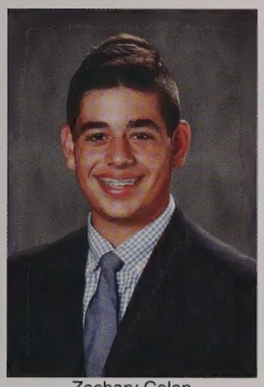
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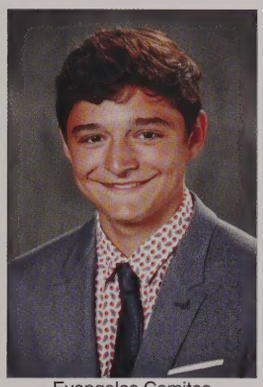
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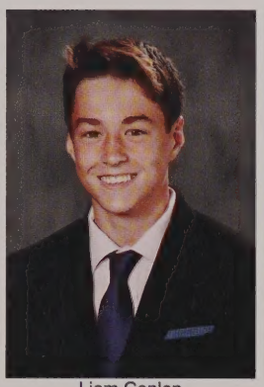
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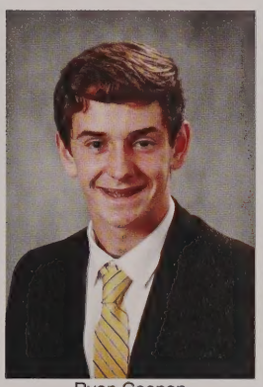
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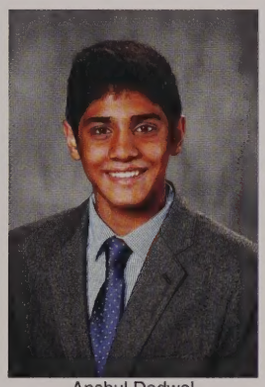
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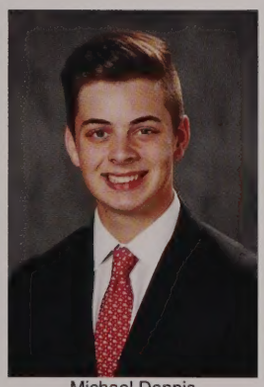
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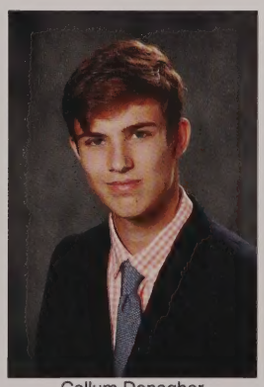
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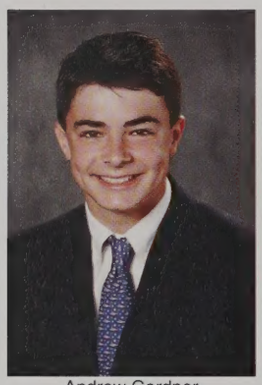
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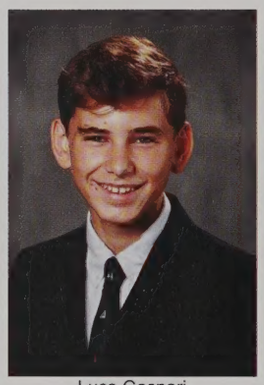
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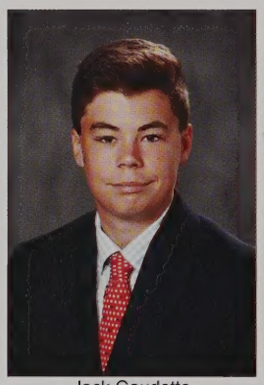
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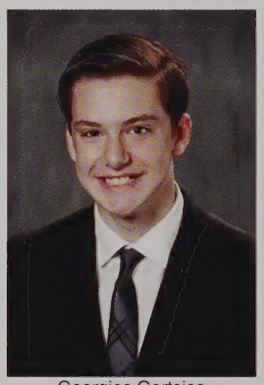
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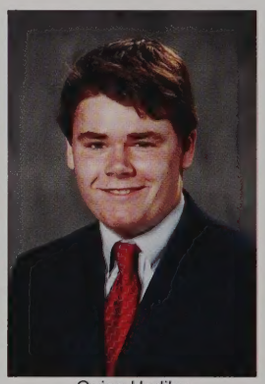
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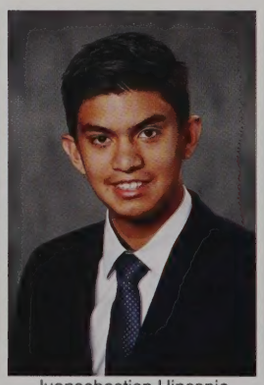
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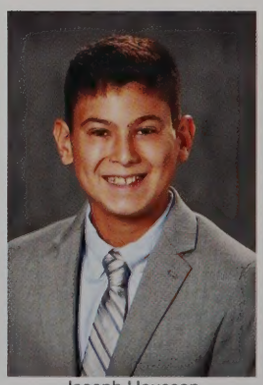
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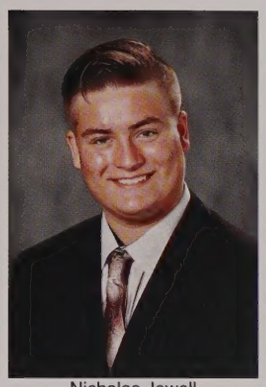
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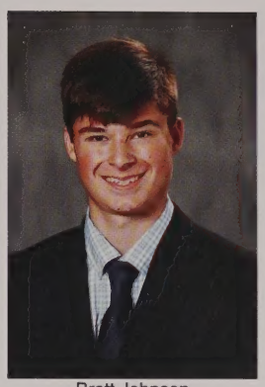
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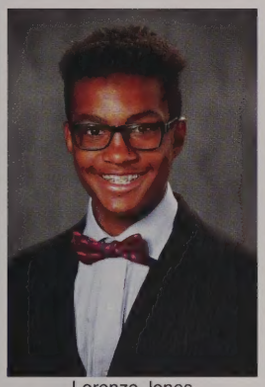
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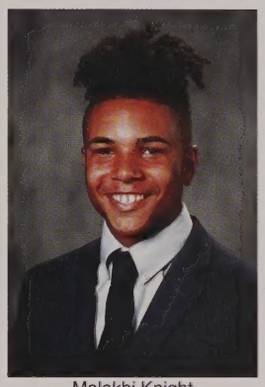
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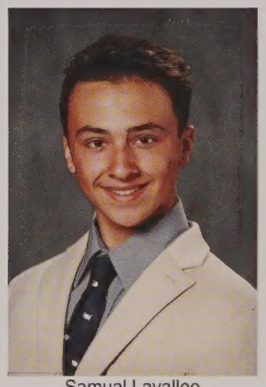
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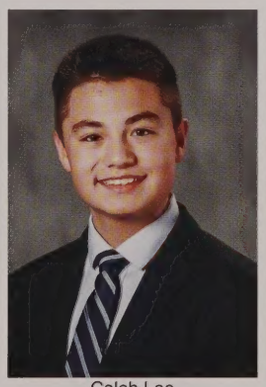
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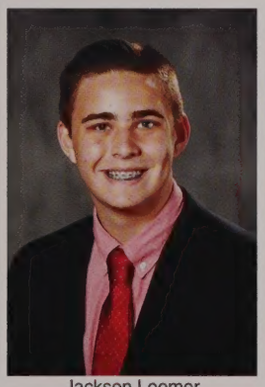
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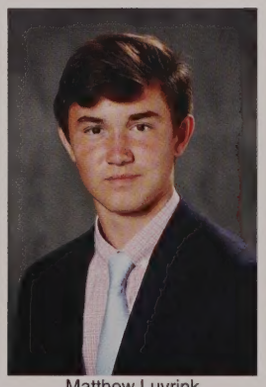
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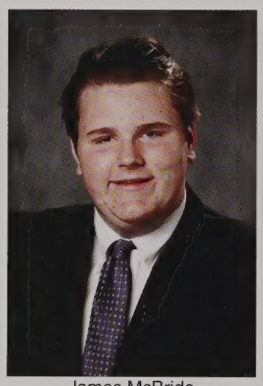
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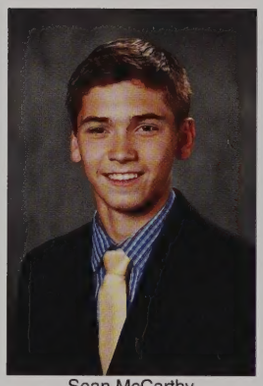
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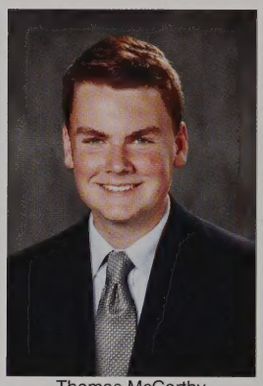
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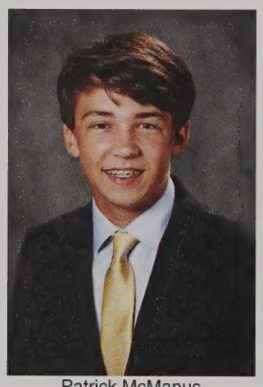
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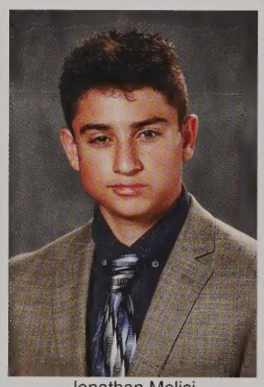
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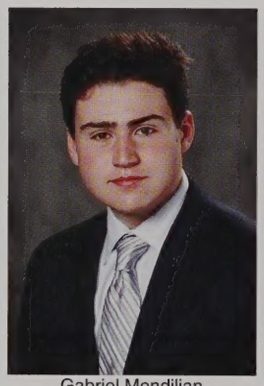
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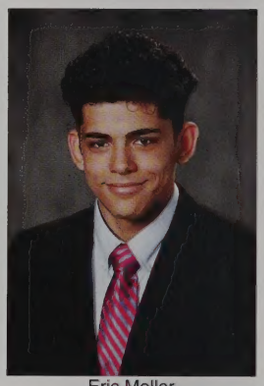
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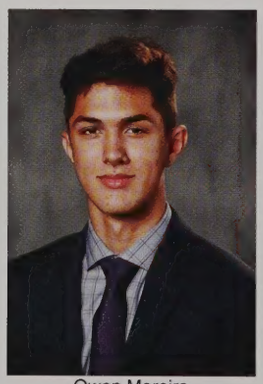
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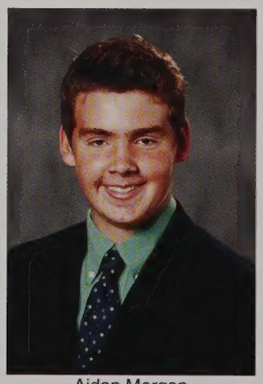
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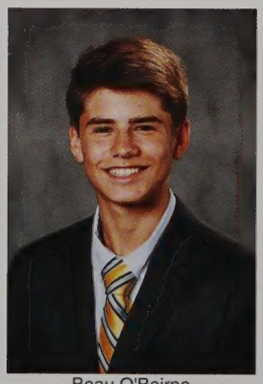
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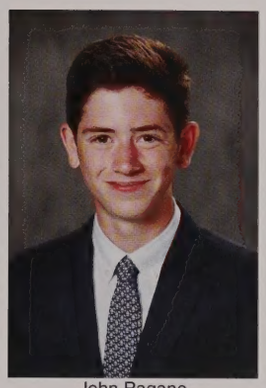
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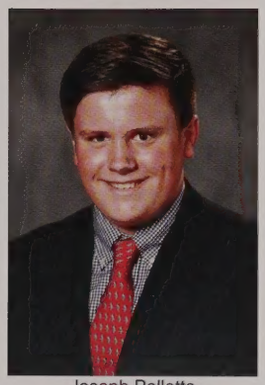
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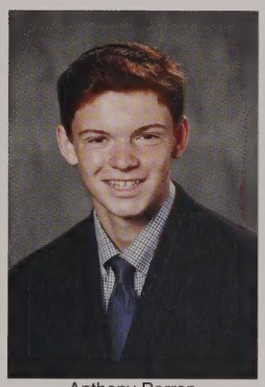
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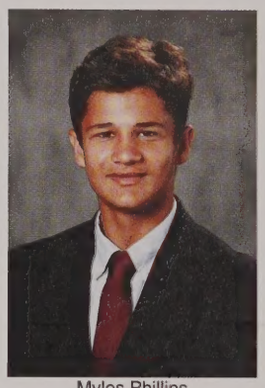
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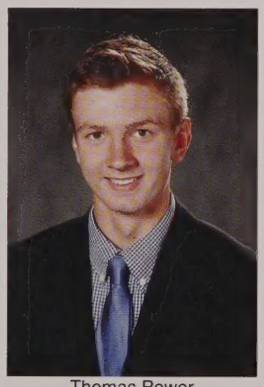
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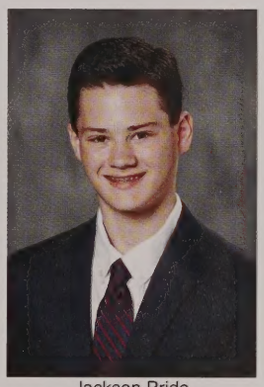
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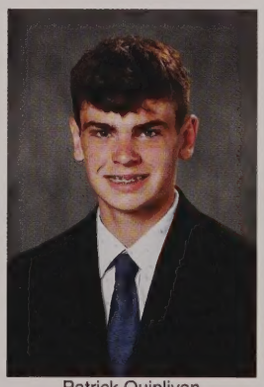
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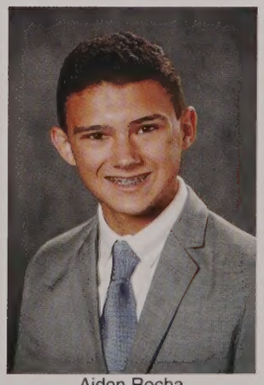
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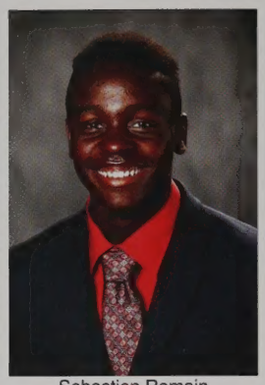
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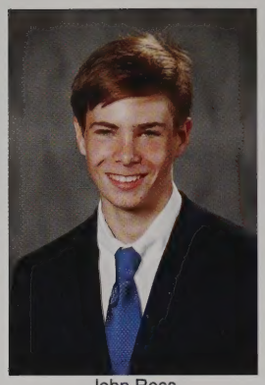
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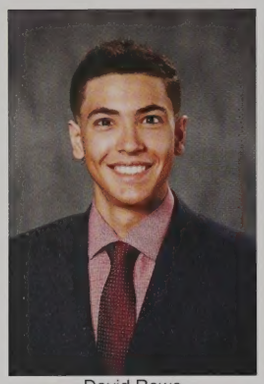
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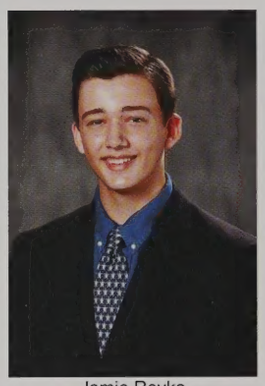
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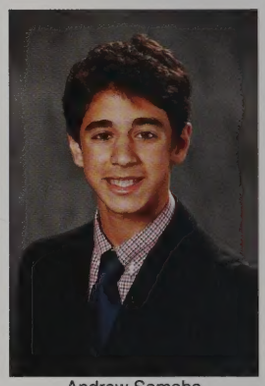
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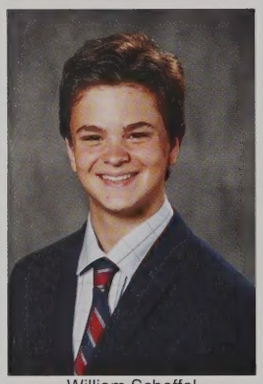
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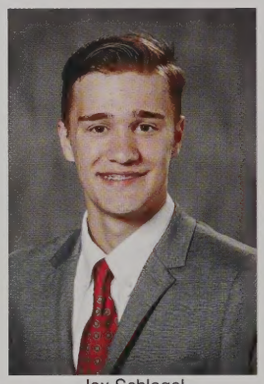
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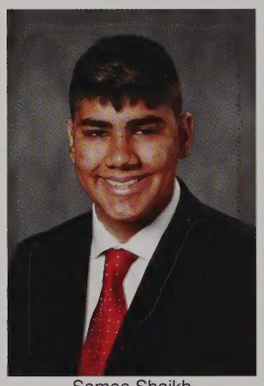
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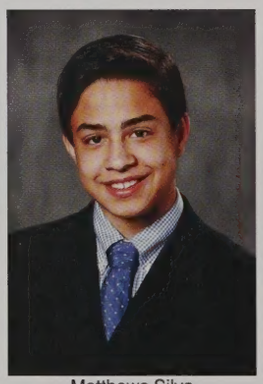
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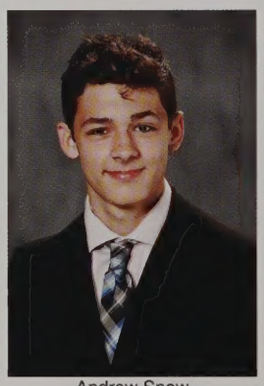
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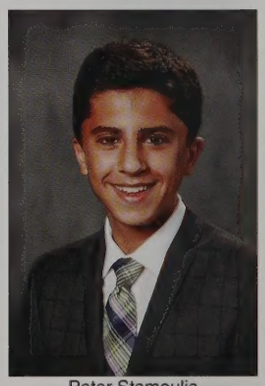
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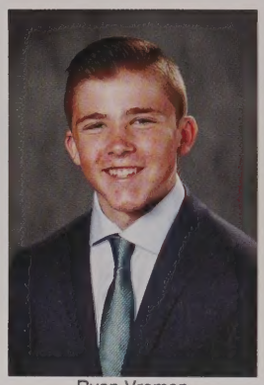
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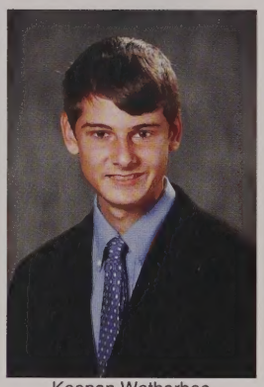
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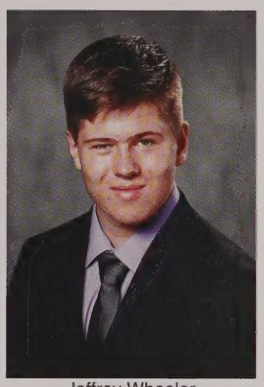
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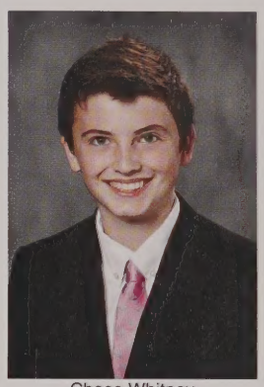
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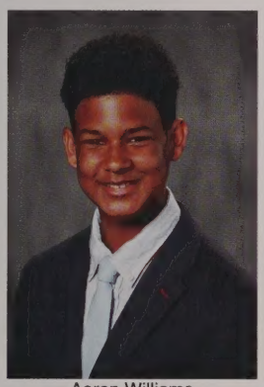
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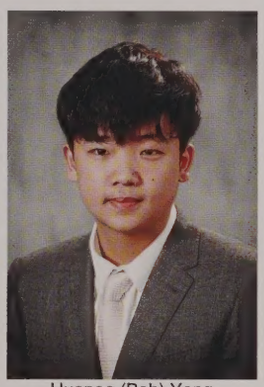
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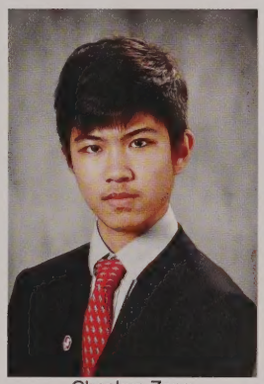
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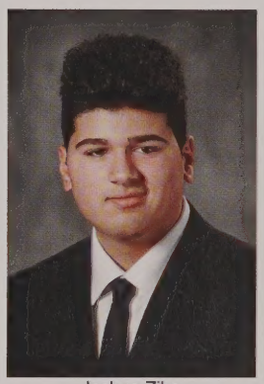
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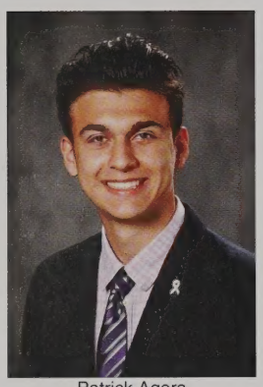
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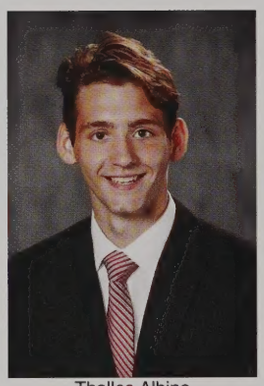
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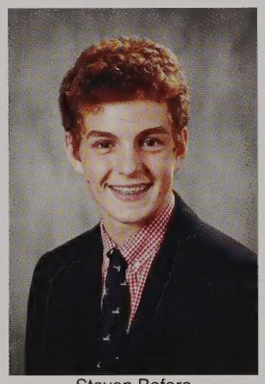
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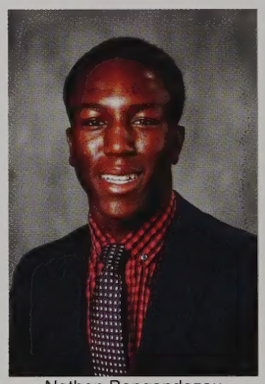
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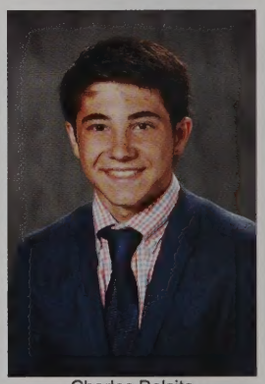
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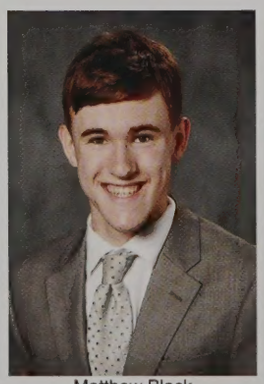
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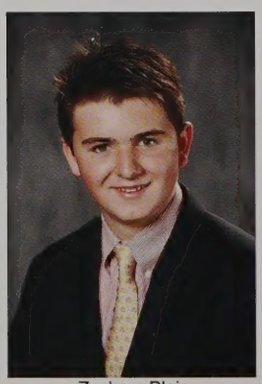
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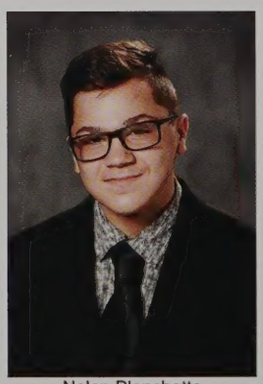
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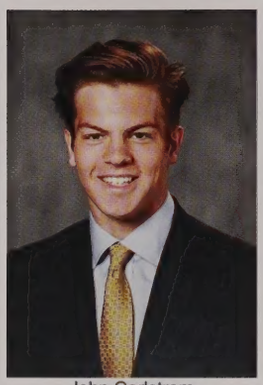
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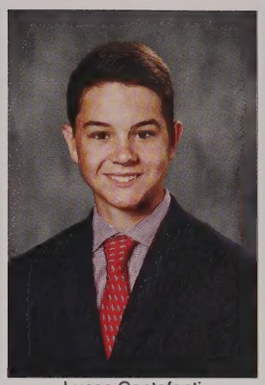
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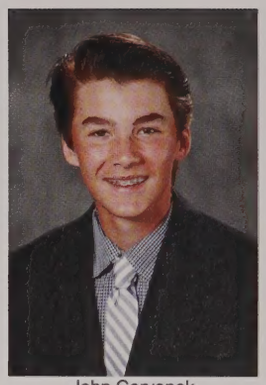
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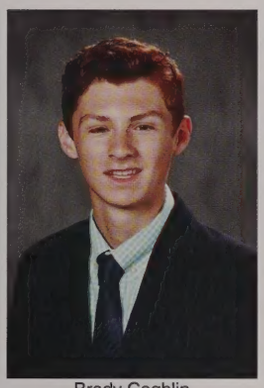
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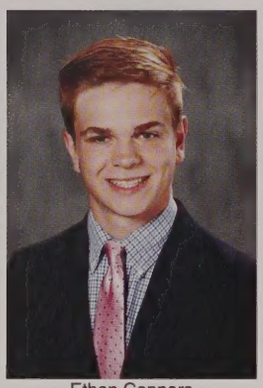
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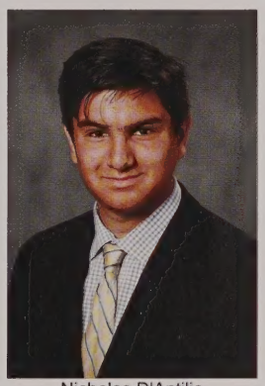
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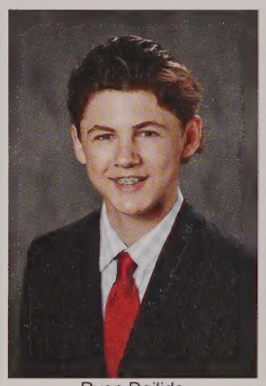
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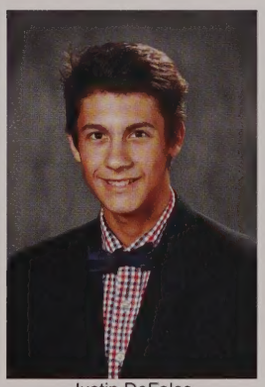
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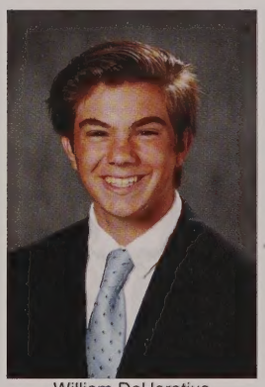
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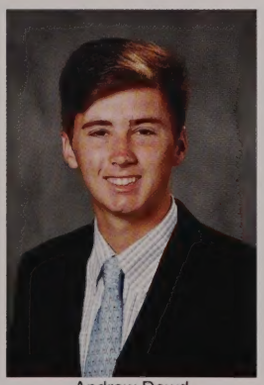
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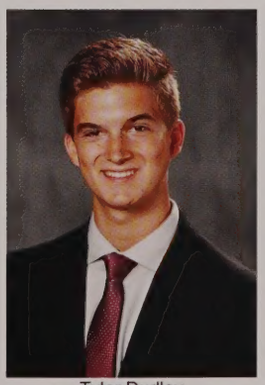
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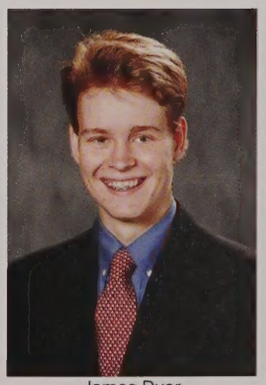
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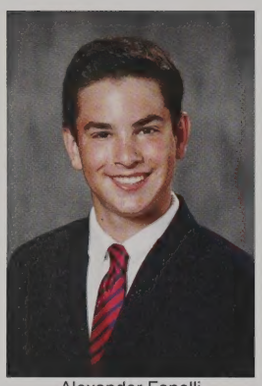
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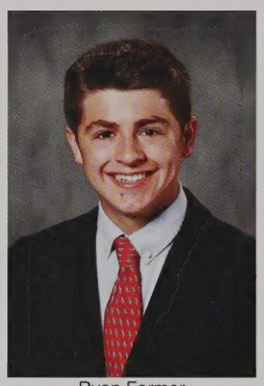
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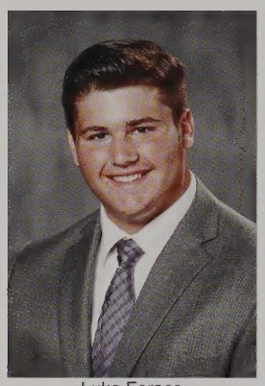
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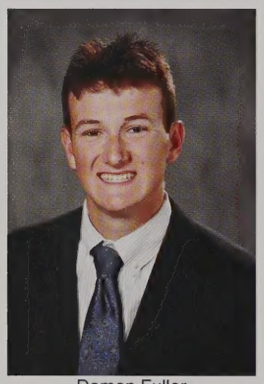
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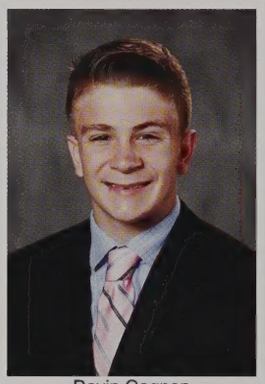
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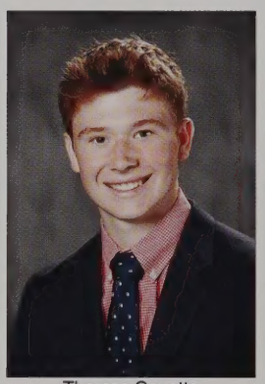
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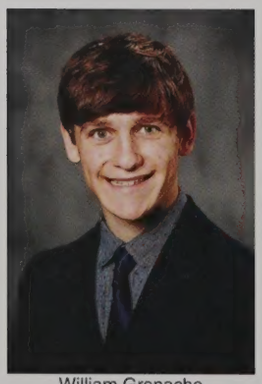
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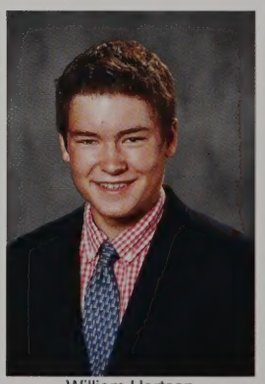
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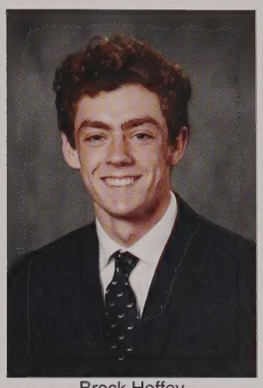
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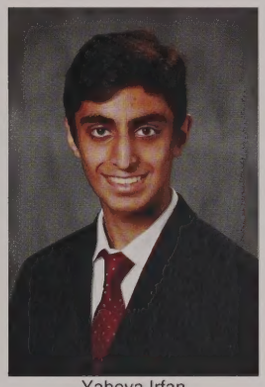
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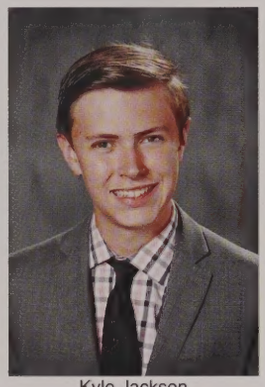
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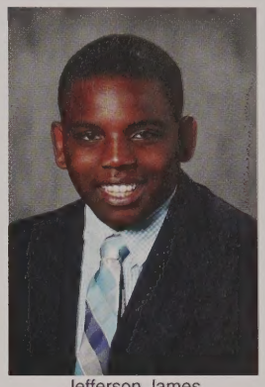
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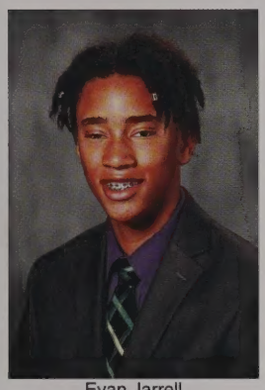
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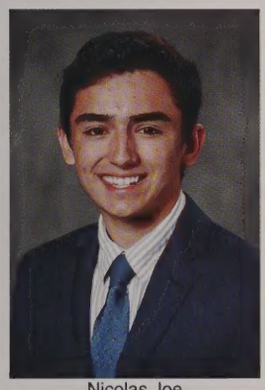
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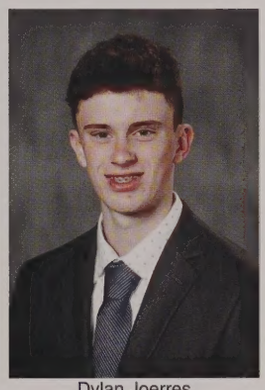
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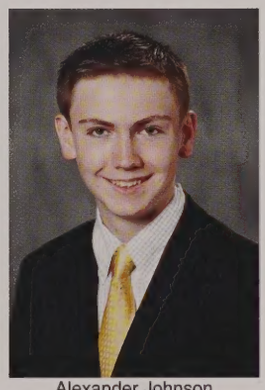
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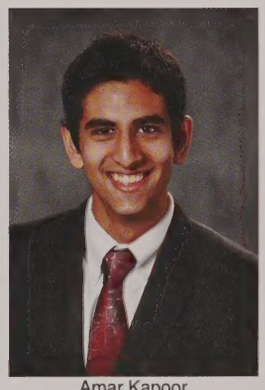
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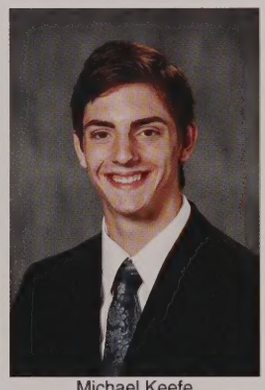
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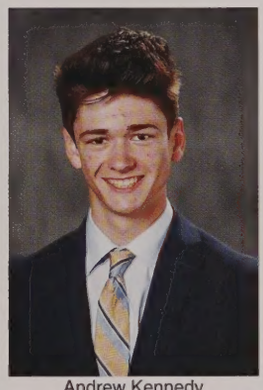
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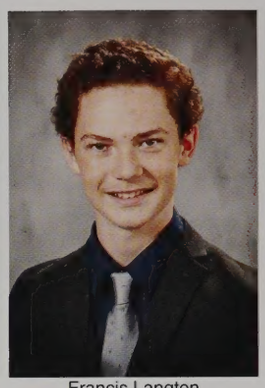
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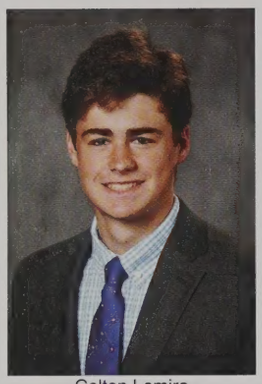
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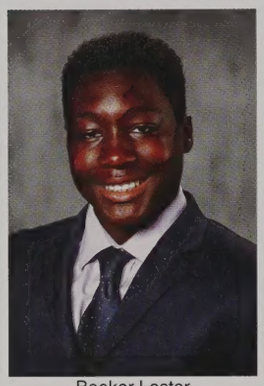
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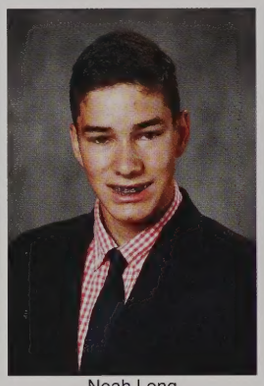
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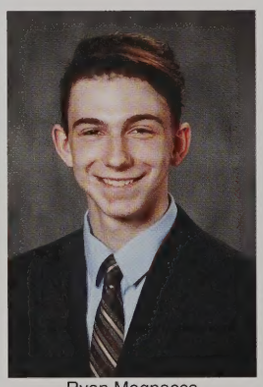
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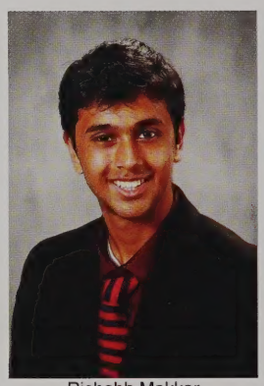
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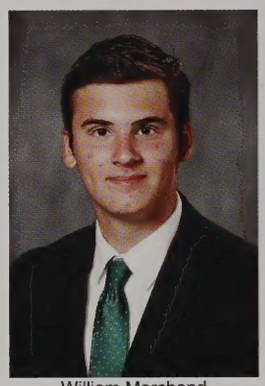
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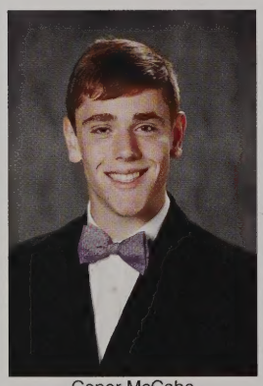
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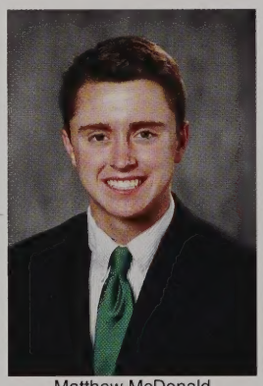
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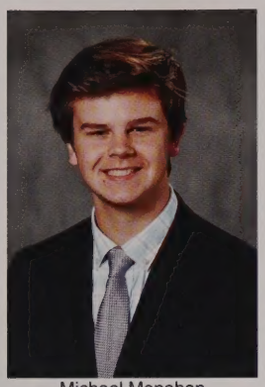
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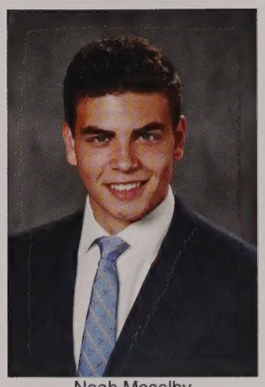
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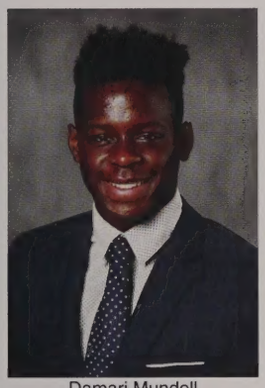
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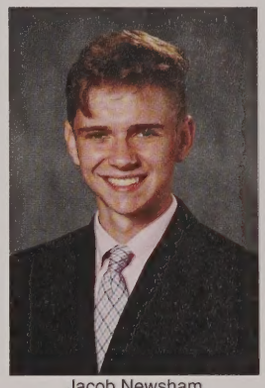
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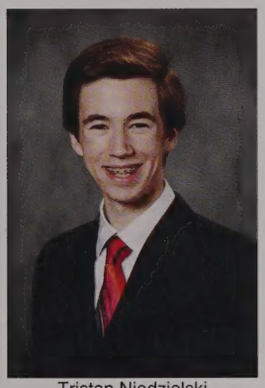
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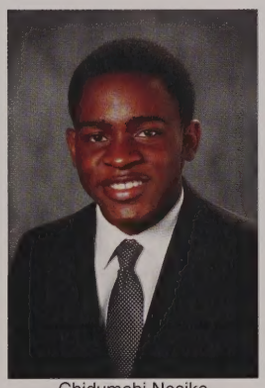
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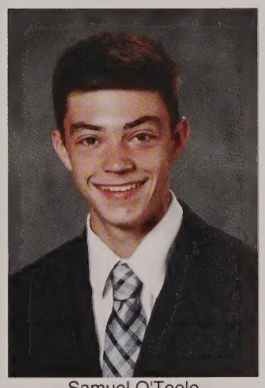
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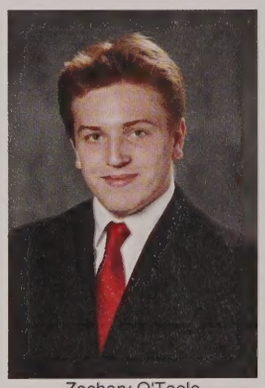
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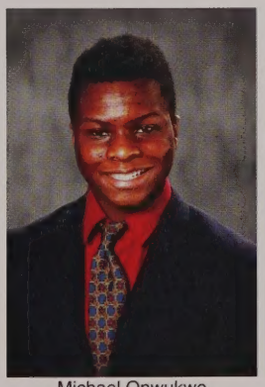
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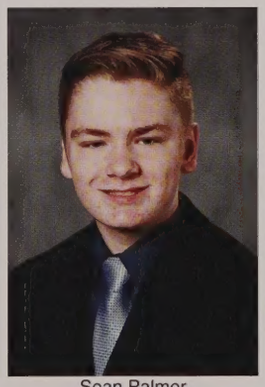
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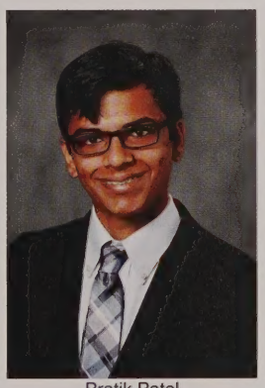
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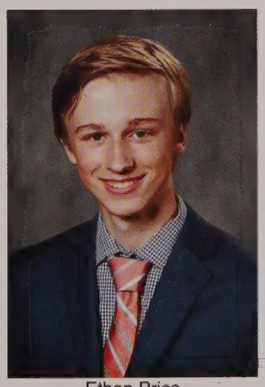
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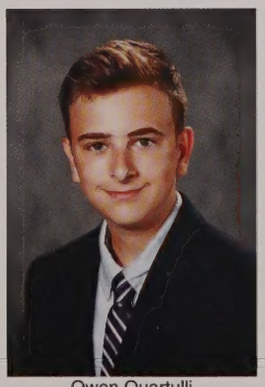
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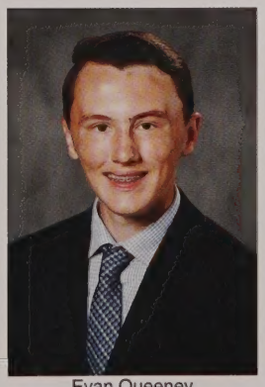
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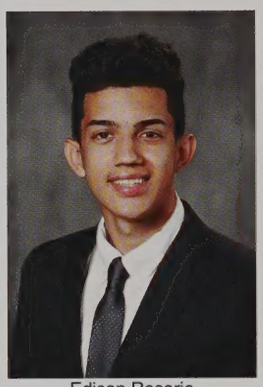
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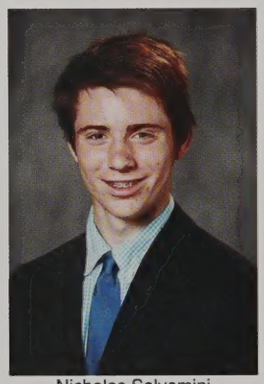
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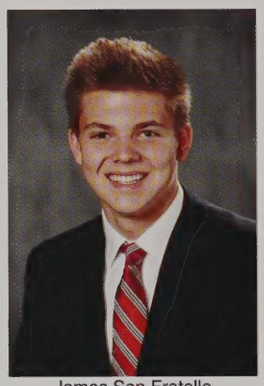
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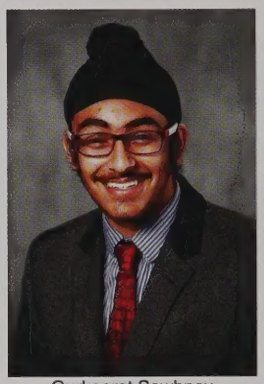
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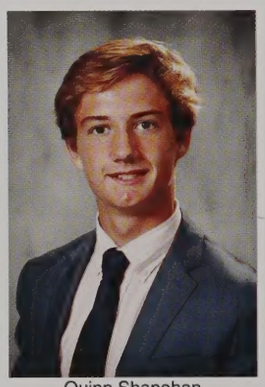
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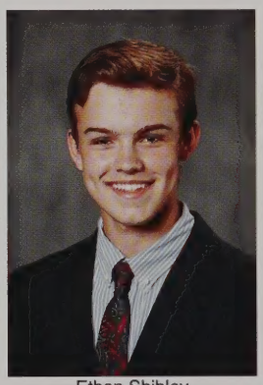
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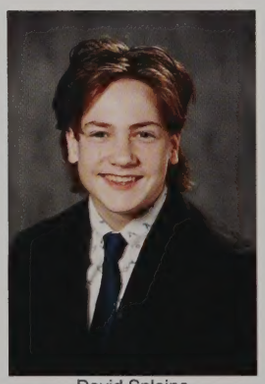
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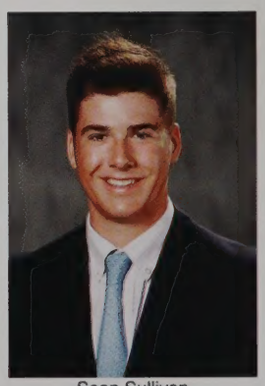
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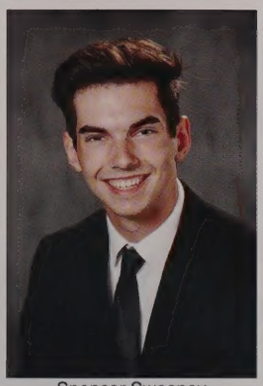
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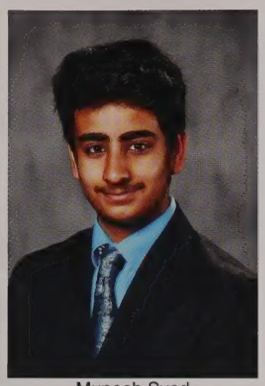
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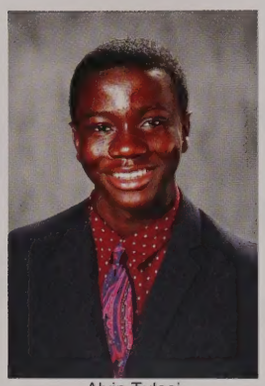
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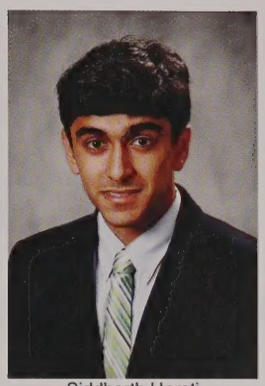
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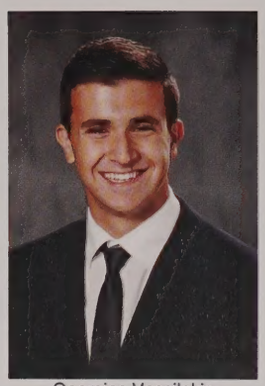
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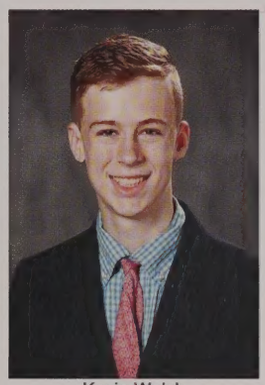
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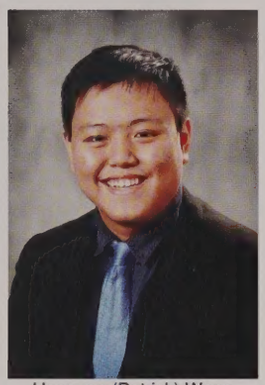
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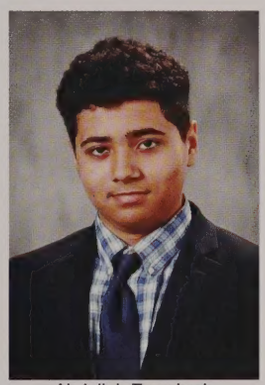
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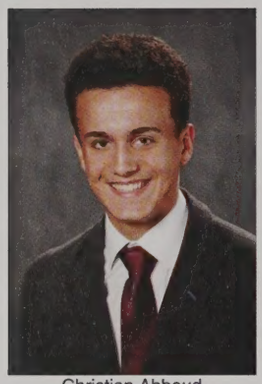
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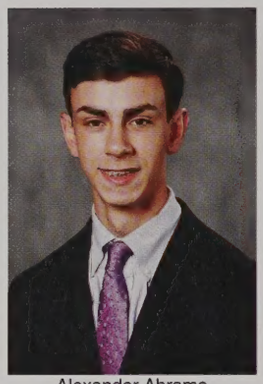
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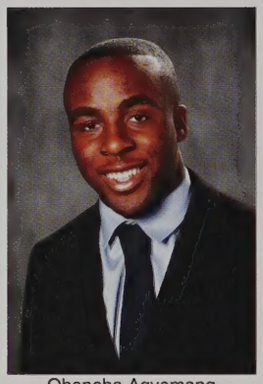
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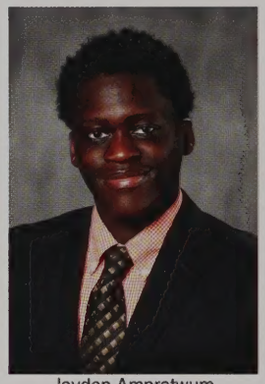
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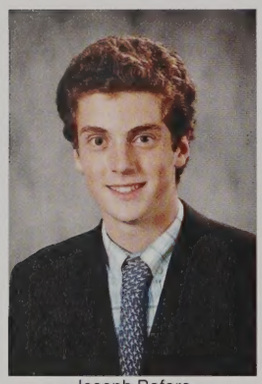
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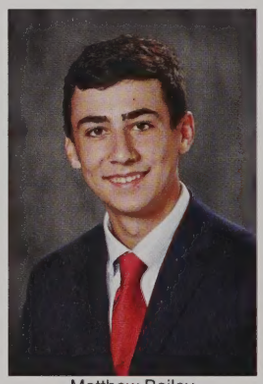
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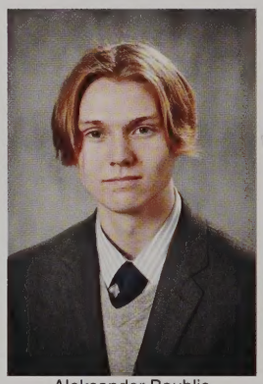
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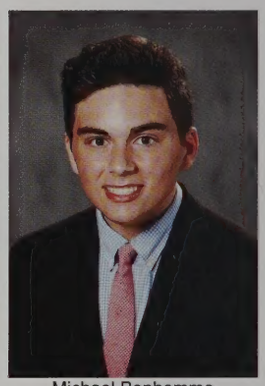
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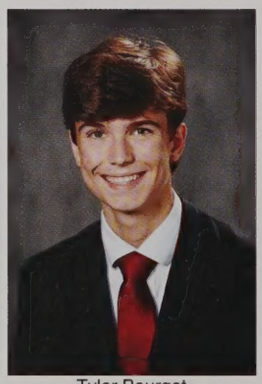
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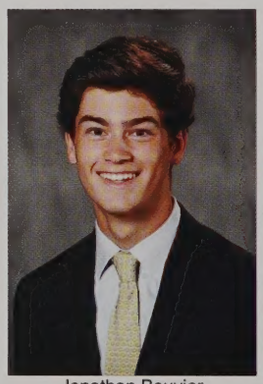
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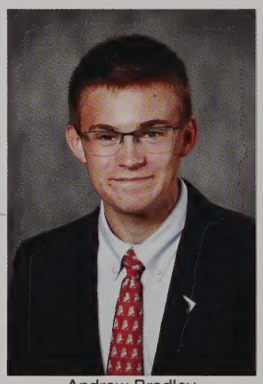
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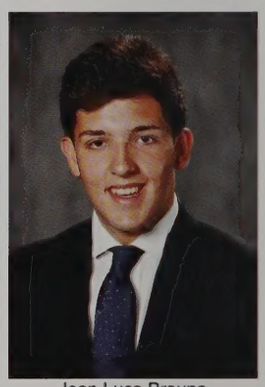
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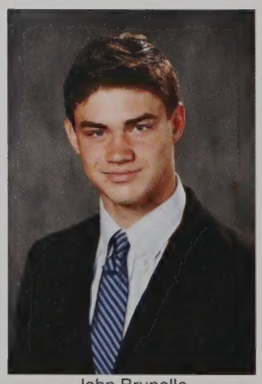
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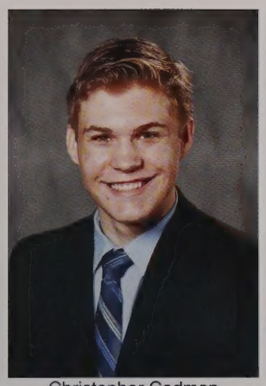
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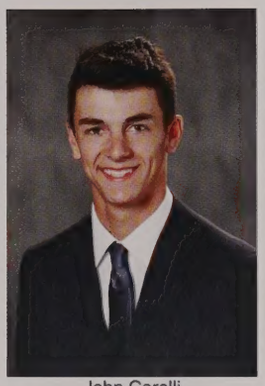
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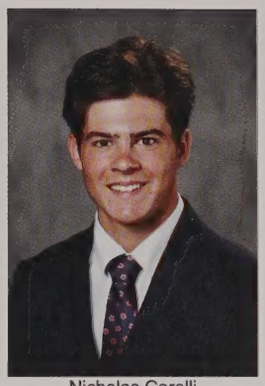
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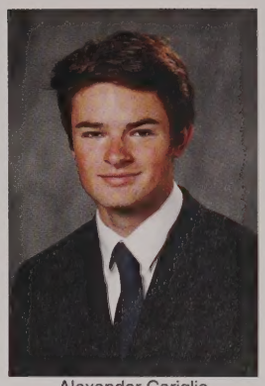
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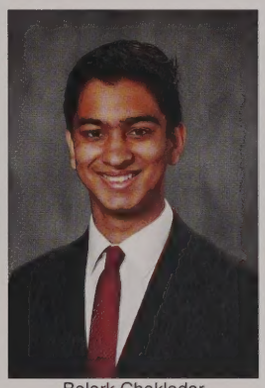
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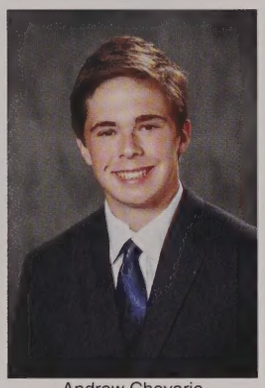
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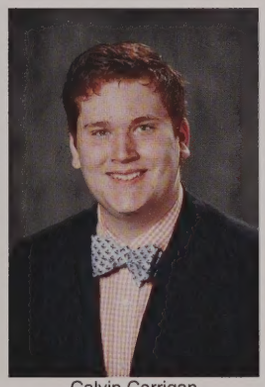
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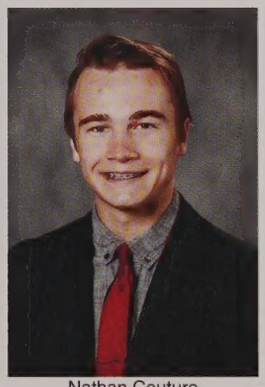
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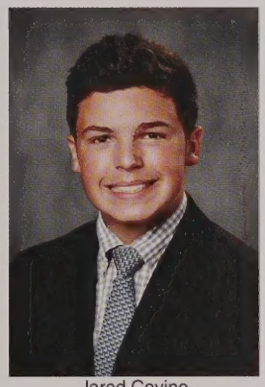
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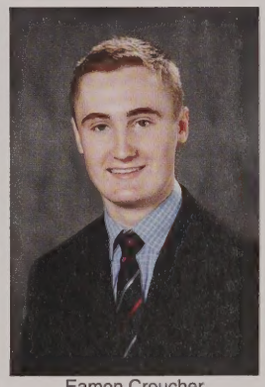
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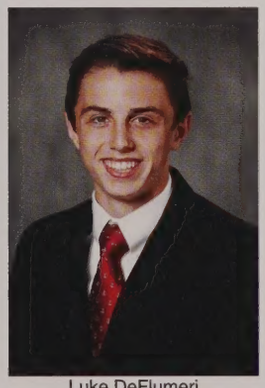
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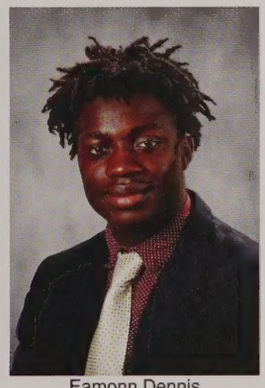
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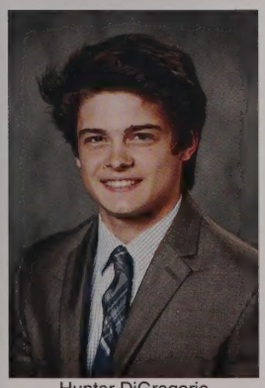
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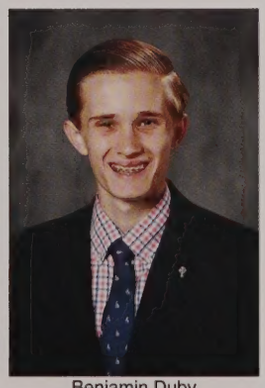
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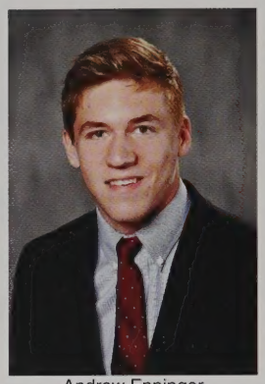
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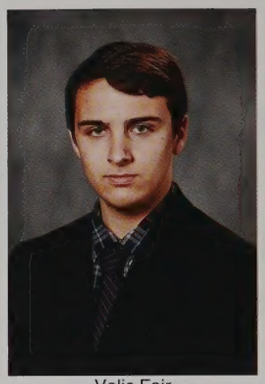
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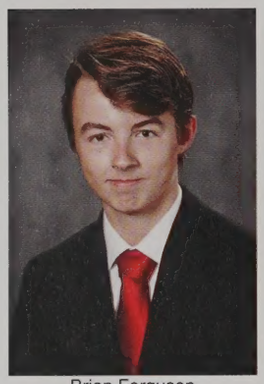
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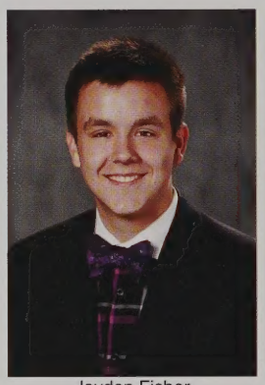
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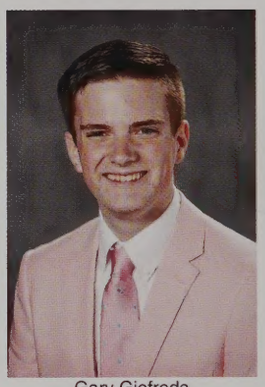
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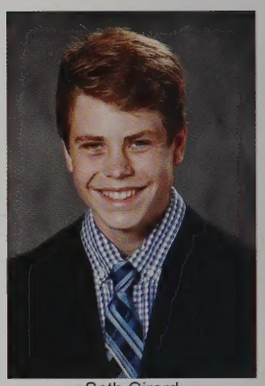
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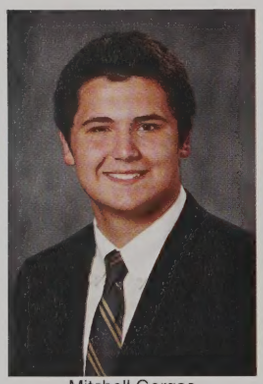
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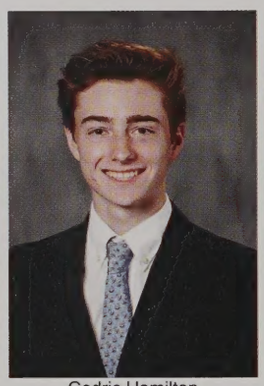
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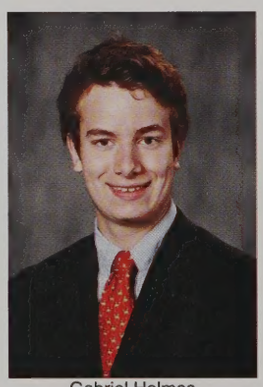
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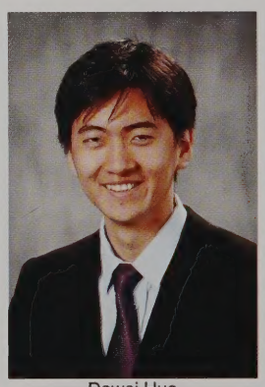
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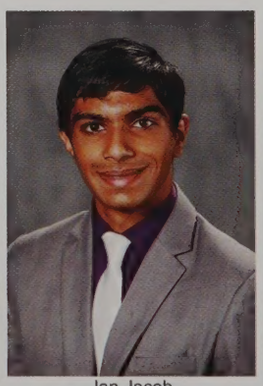
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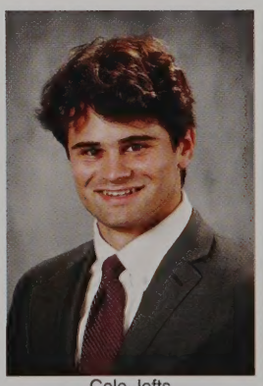
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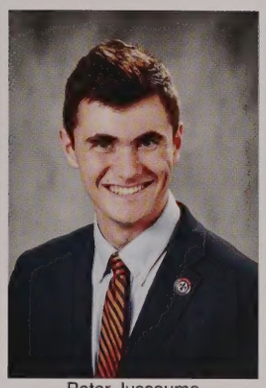
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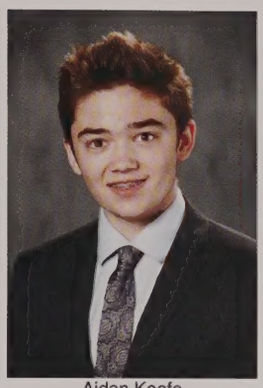
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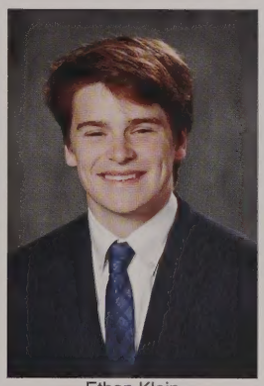
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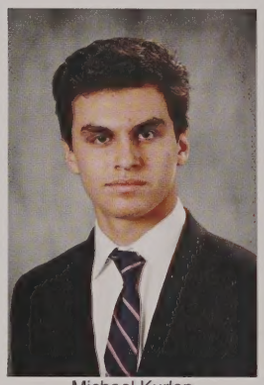
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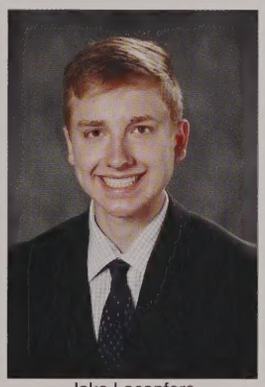
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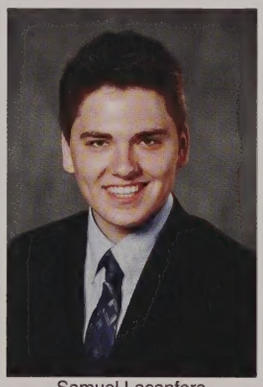
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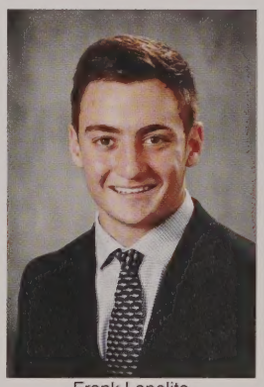
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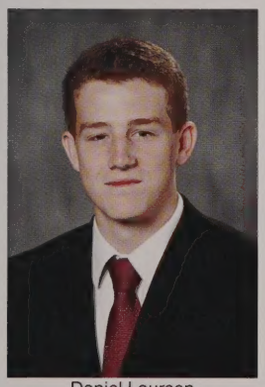
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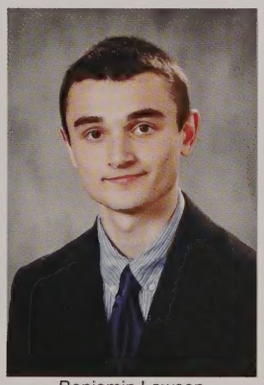
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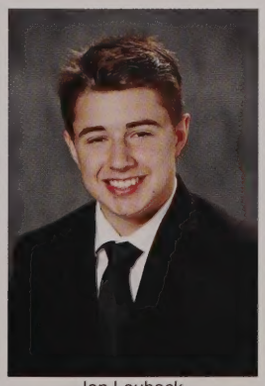
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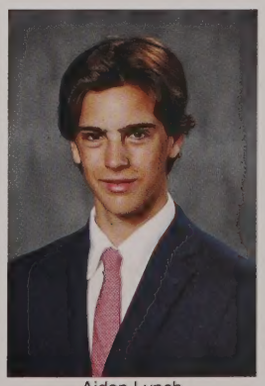
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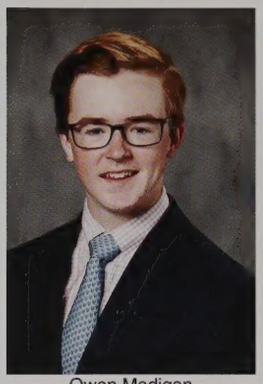
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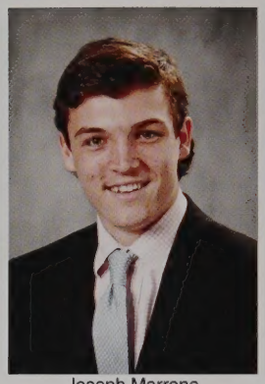
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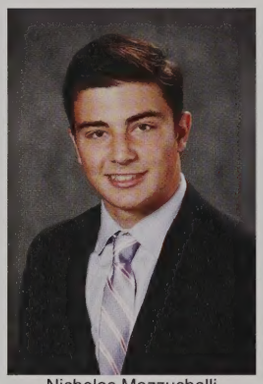
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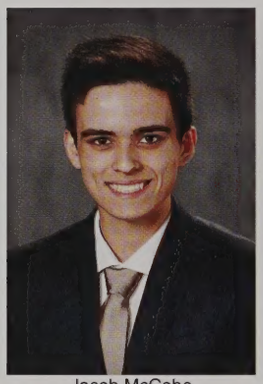
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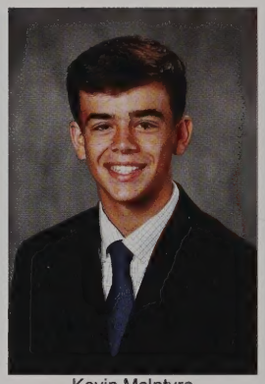
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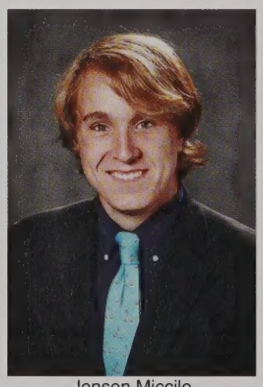
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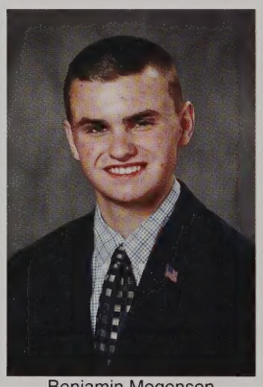
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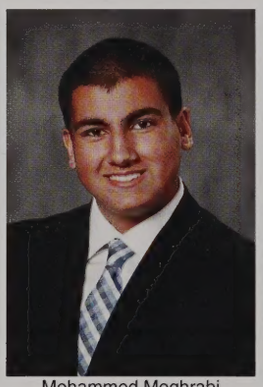
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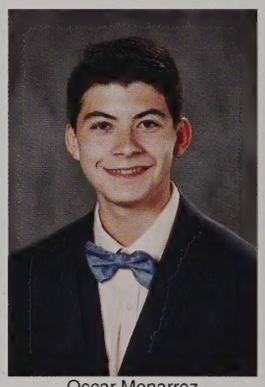
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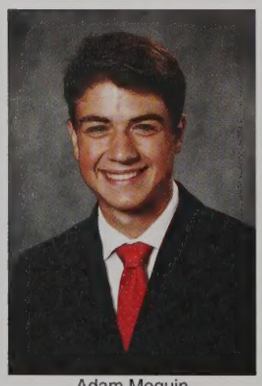
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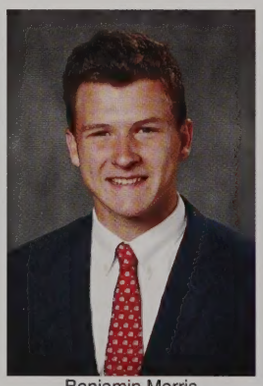
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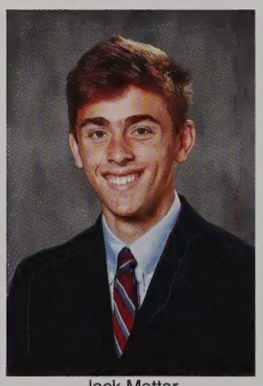
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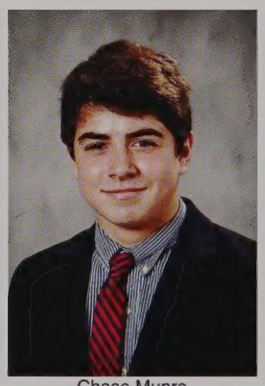
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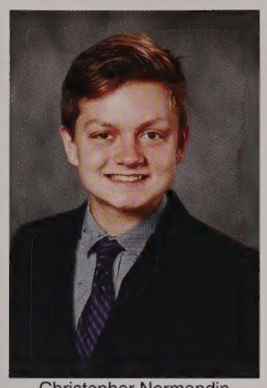
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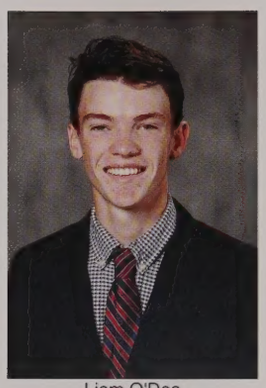
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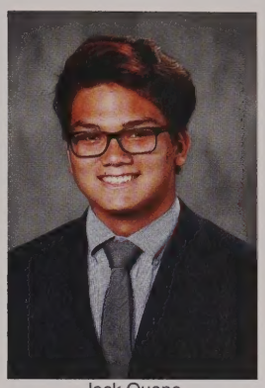
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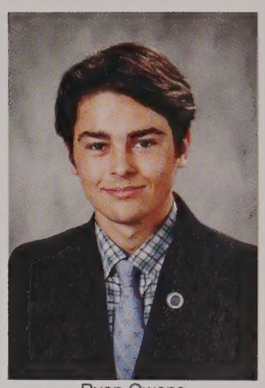
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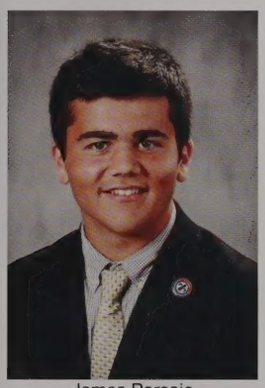
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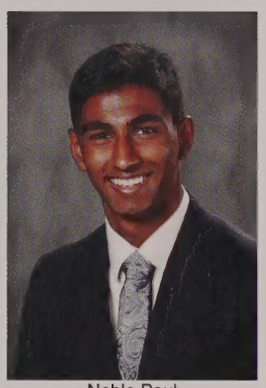
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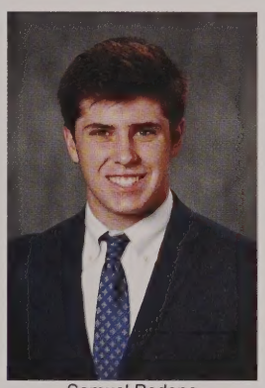
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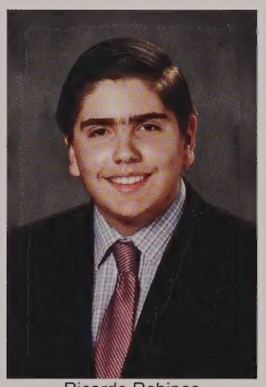
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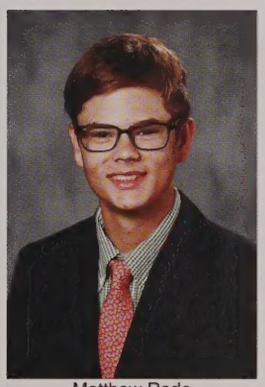
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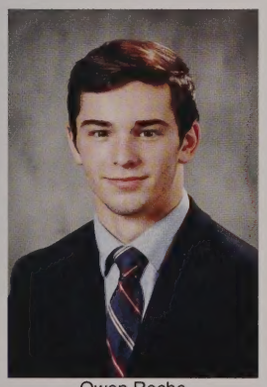
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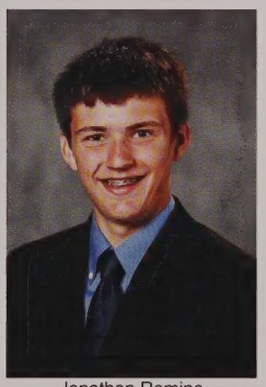
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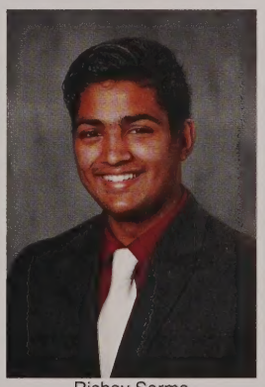
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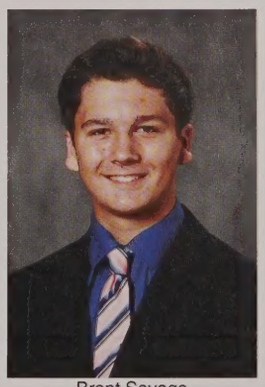
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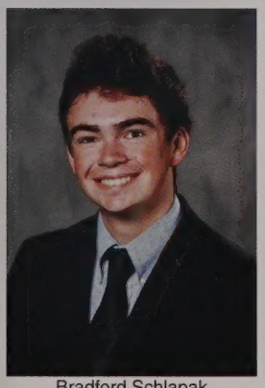
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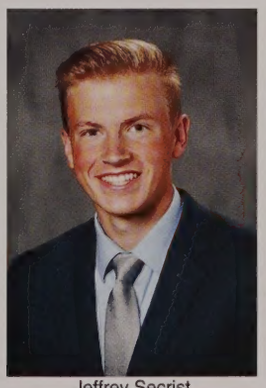
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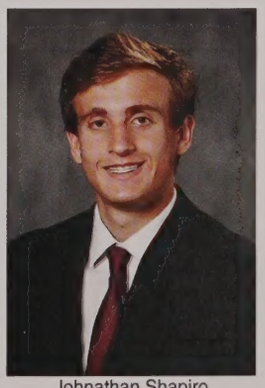
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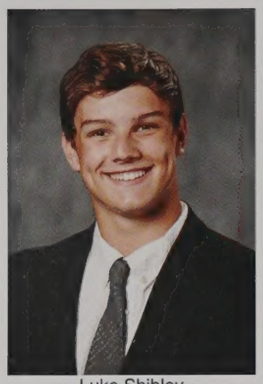
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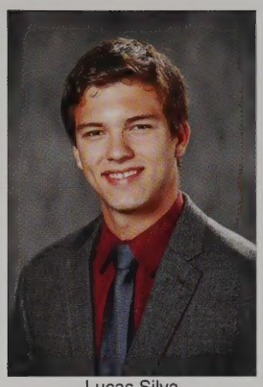
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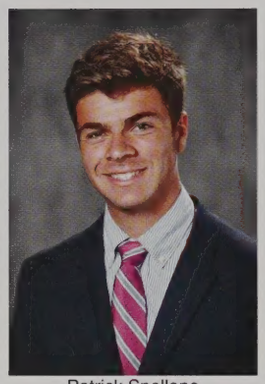
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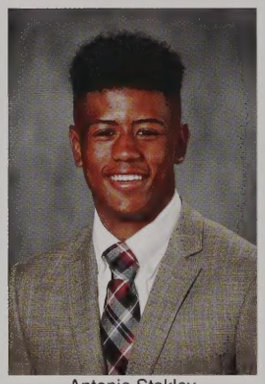
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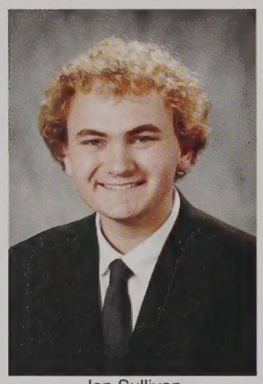
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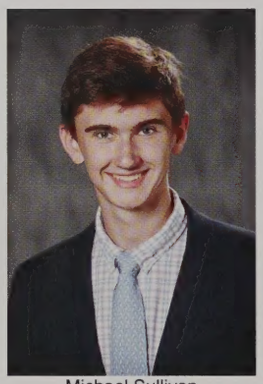
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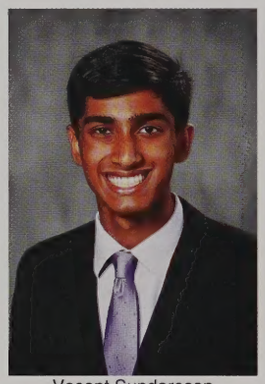
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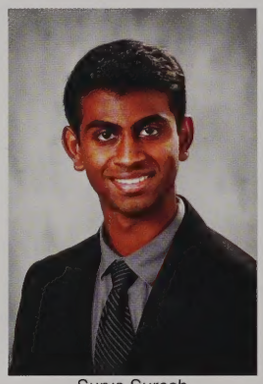
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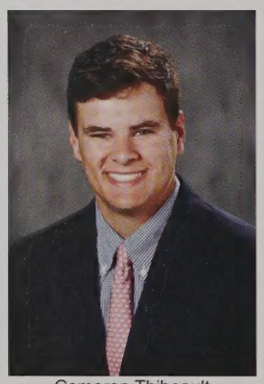
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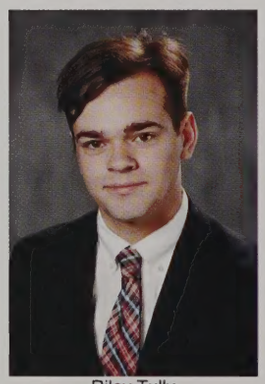
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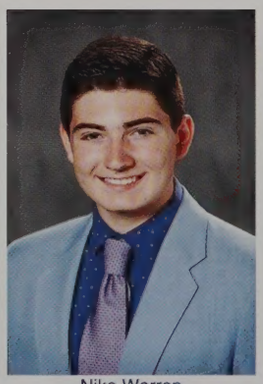
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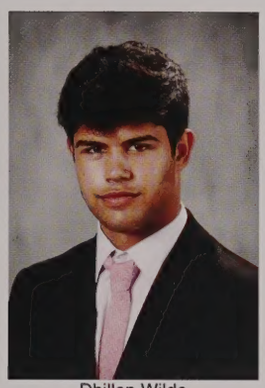
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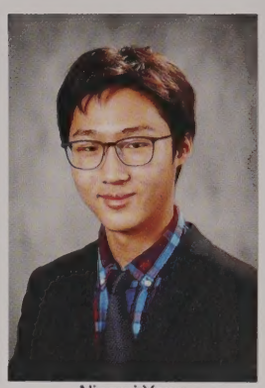
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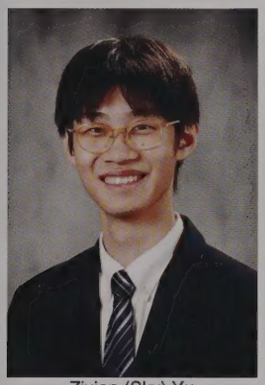
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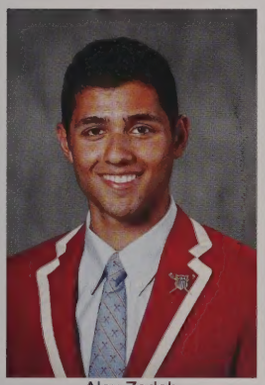
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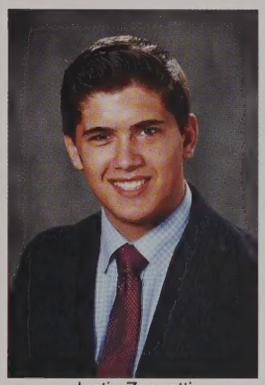
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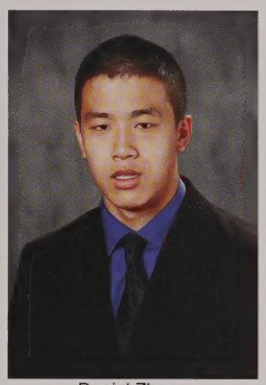
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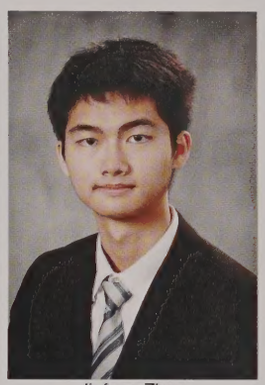
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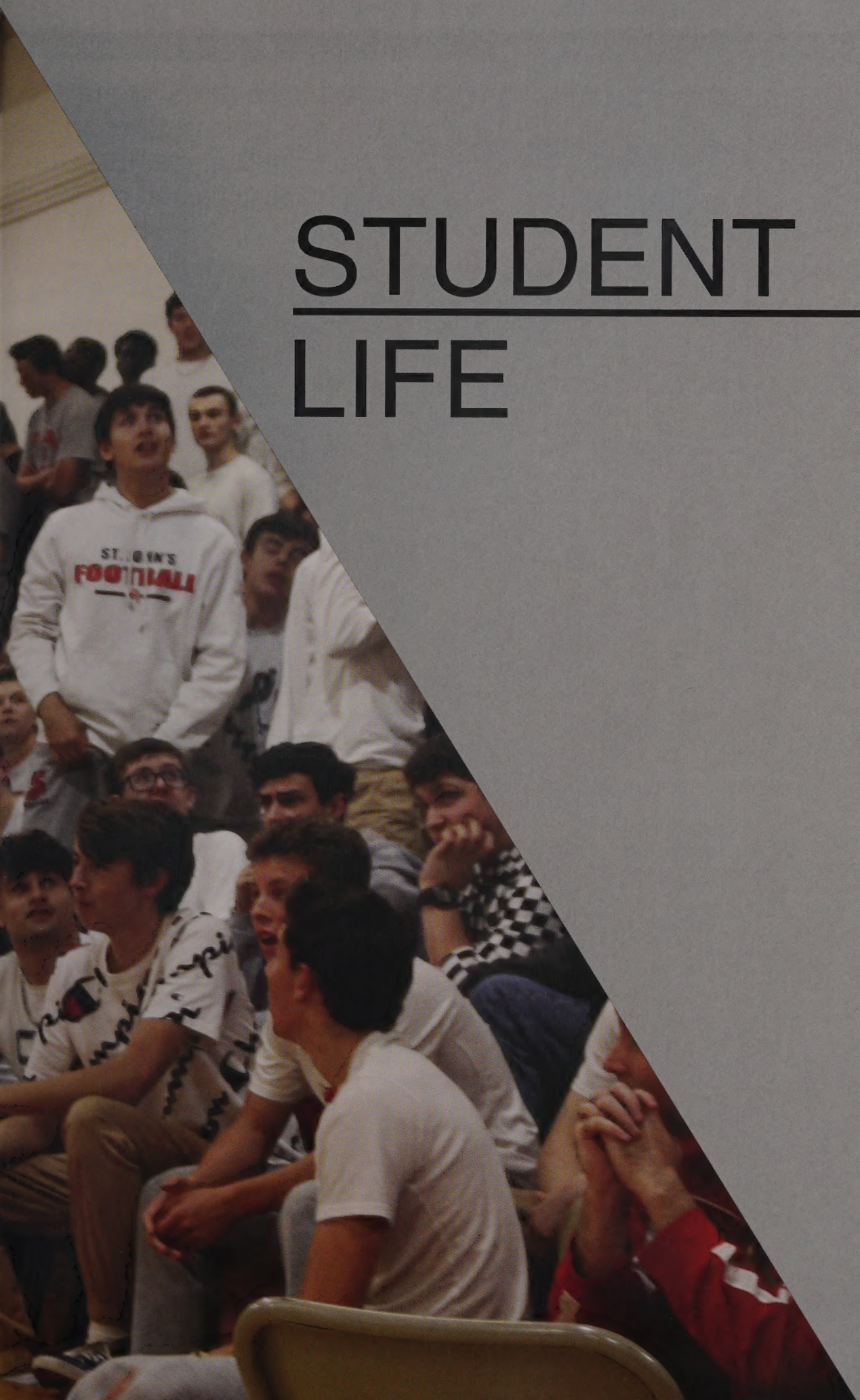

FIRST FOOTBALL GAME UNDER THE LIGHTS

On Friday, September 21, the Saint John's community opened the gates for the first ever night game held on Pioneer Field. With the recent renovations down on the Pioneer Fields, adding two new turf surfaces and stadium lighting, the Pioneers took on Leominster High School while alumni, families and friends cheered on through the night!

PIONEERS
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PIONEERS
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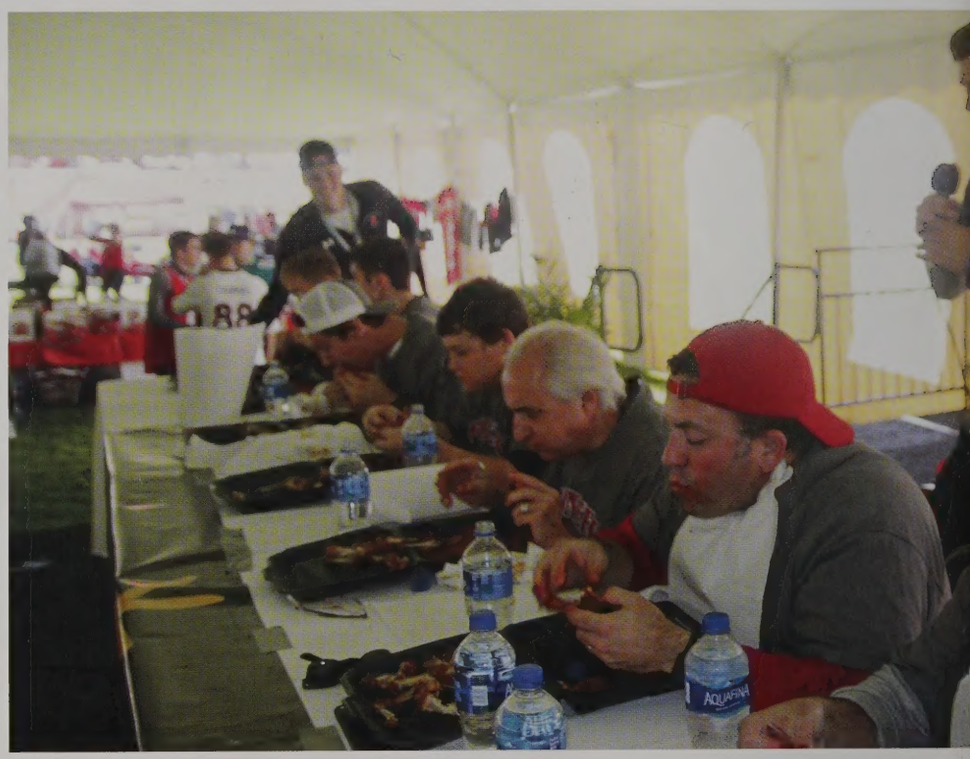
PIONEERFEST

Saturday, September 28 was one for the books. The morning started with an Admissions Open House for prospective families. The campus was open to explore including classroom demonstrations and presentations from a variety of faculty and staff. Immediately following, down on Pioneer Field, the excitement continued with PioneerFest 2018.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day also took place on October 10. Each year, Saint John's invites the grandparents of our freshman students to a brunch where they learn about their grandson's school. At the conclusion of the brunch program, our freshman students take their grandparents on a tour of our campus.

FIRST SOCCER GAME UNDER THE LIGHTS

Our Pioneers took on Marlborough at home, under the lights, on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

SOPHOMORE PAINTBALL

Sophomore class deans, Ms. Lauren Hill and Mrs. Lina Long, took 21 students from the sophomore class out to Upton for a paintball trip on Saturday, November 3. Students had a blast running through the wilderness, shooting their friends, and eating pizza together.

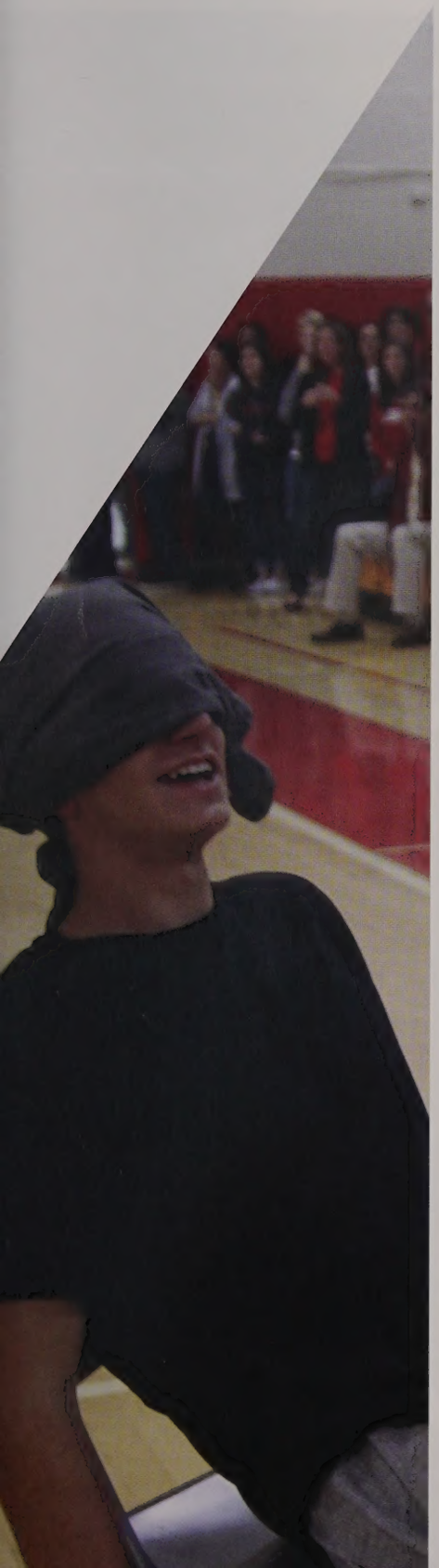
NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

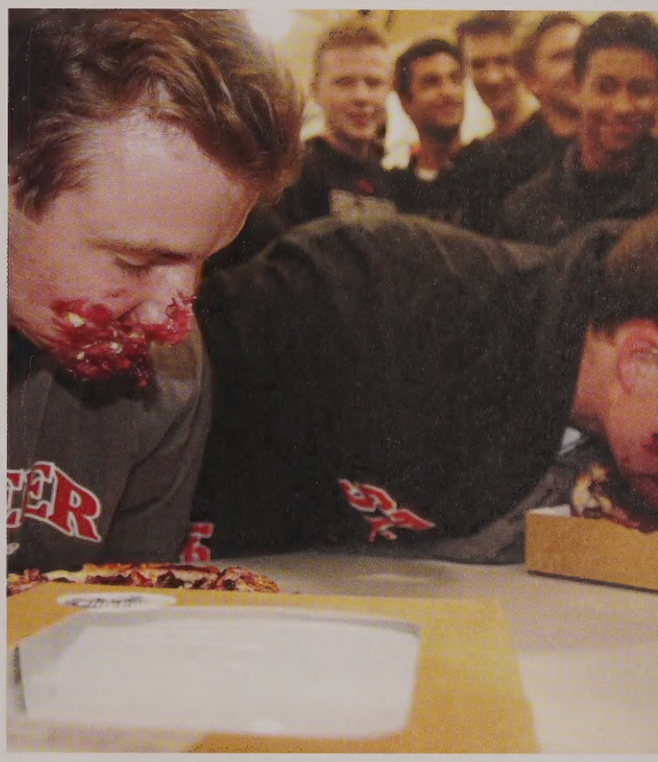
Saint John's seniors, faculty and staff, were invited to participate in No Shave November. To participate, students wore a special No Shave November lapel pin on their sports coats which excused them from the school policy of being clean-shaven from November 1 until the start of Thanksgiving Break, November 20. Pins were picked up in the Office of Student Life for a suggested donation of $20. All proceeds went towards the No Shave November organization.

(*See, some of the seniors above have beards!*)

PEP RALLY

Festivities for Pioneerfest weekend kicked off during last period on Friday with a student run pep rally. With each class representing with a different "spirit color", it was game on as each class competed in a variety of activities--pie eating contests, dizzy bat basketball challenges and the like. You should know, too, that you haven't truly laughed until you've seen a spirited round of BLINDFOLDED musical chairs! Our Sensei, Michael Bean '19, led the whole school in a rally to get everyone pumped for the weekend of athletics games and school events.





FOUNDERS WEEK

Every year we celebrate Founders Week. During this week, we remember Theodore James Ryken, the man who brought us into being the Congregation of the Brothers of St. Francis Xavier.

Each day during this week, we focused on the 5 central values of the Xaverian charism: humility, trust, zeal, compassion, and simplicity. These values take shape on a daily basis in the Saint John's community.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The memorial, located just outside the doors of the Salem Student Commons, is a tribute to those Saint John's alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It provides a contemplative space for members of our community to sit and reflect as we honor these men. A special thank you to Robert Dorsey '65 for his generosity for this memorial. Also, thank you to the Fox family, Col. Russ Pytko '44, and Steve Morris '66 for their instrumental involvement, and to Lauring Construction and the Saint John's Buildings and Grounds team for their hard work.

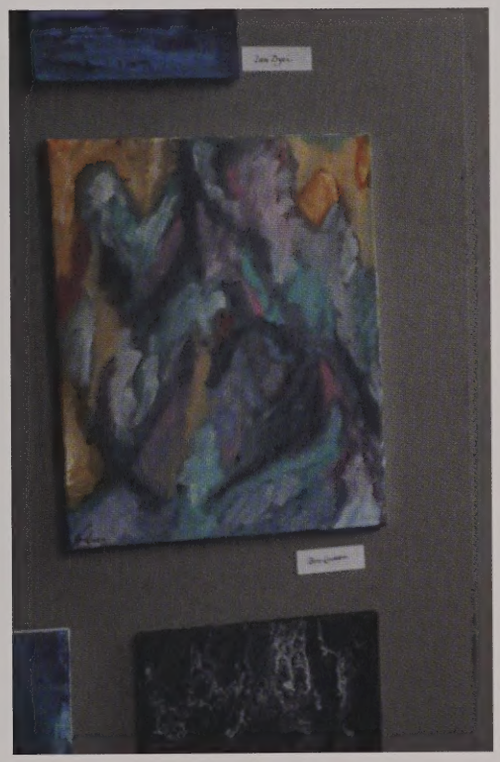
ABDELLA CENTER FOR ETHICS

Saint John's established the Abdella Center for Ethics in 2003 in memory and honor of George F. Abdella with his son, the Hon. Charles A. Abdella '60. The annual lecture series complements the "whole person" education in Saint John's academics and extra-curricular activities by exploring the role that ethical questions play in all aspects of modern life.

Saint John's has made a continuous effort to provide diverse and noteworthy lectures and programs for its students through the Abdella Center for Ethics Lecture Series.

SPRING ARTS SHOW

Thursday afternoon, May 2, sure was full of color between the Color Run and the Arts Fest! Congratulations to our fine arts department for this wonderful display!



AWARDS CONVOCATION

Congratulations to all this year's winners: Alexander Kovacs - The Richard Christmas Award; Mason Bates - The P.J. Collins Award; Oscar Monarrez - The Christopher Kouchakdjian Award; Chris Cassidy - The Daniel Manning Award; Michael Bean - The Janet Powers Award for Spirit; Jack Fenlon - The Richard Doyle Award for Service; Edmund Burke - The Ryken Service Award; Tom Palmer - The John Case Award; Thomas Pickering - The Katherine & Mortimer Buckley Forensic Award; Brendan Doherty - The David Cassidy Award; Victor Szabo - The Br. Philip Neri (Highest GPA Senior); Ansh Patel - Br. More Munroe (Highest GPA Junior); Victor Szabo - The Br. Plunkett Award for Math; Jonathan Lane - The Br. Gerard Award for English; Vraj Amin - The Br. Theophane Award for Science; Carl Hughes - The Br. Ivan Award for Religion; Jack Durkin - The Br. Nathan Award for History; Will Brewster - Robert Brady Award for Fine Arts; Ryan Rivard - The Br. Alfred Award for Computer Science; Lance Dobransky - The Brs. Carl and Alan Award for French; Victor Szabo - The Brs. Carl and Alan Award for Spanish; Kevin Copeland - The Brs. Carl and Alan Award for Chinese. We also congratulate this year's Joe Lane Scholars: Harrison Carven, Justyce Hathaway, Sean Johnson and Matt Silve. And finally, to our faculty and staff celebrating a milestone anniversary of service to Saint John's; especially to Mr. Kevin Abdo - 2019 recipient of the Faculty Service Award.

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Certificate of Award
Exemplary Attendance

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE SEMI-FORMAL

On Friday, April 27, the freshman and sophomore classes enjoyed their semi-formal. The dance was held in our very own Coaches Pavilion. Students enjoyed good music, a buffet, and an ice cream station!

JUNIOR FORMAL

On Friday, May 10, the junior class and guests had a blast dancing the night away at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

ATHLETICS

BASEBALL

Roster

Kyle Austin
Michael Bean
Nick Carelli
Sean Clark
Andrew Chevarie
Ryan Conant
Andrew Eppinger
Blake Fenton
Andrew Gardner
Carson Hauben
Andrew Kennedy
Michael Kurlan
Matt Livingston
Matt MacDonald
Nick MacDonald
Tyler Nielsen
TJ Power
Matt Rade
Brant Savage
Christian Siciliano
Avery Wetherbee
Patrick Power (Manager)

ST. JOHN'S
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ST. JOHN'S
STATE CHAMPIONS
DIVISION I
TENNIS
1998
ST. JOHN'S
STATE CHAMPIONS
DIVISION I
HOCKEY
1999
ST. JOHN'S
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TENNIS
1988
ST. JOHN'S
STATE CHAMPIONS
DIVISION I
BASKETBALL
2000
ST. JOHN'S
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SOCCER
2001
ST. JOHN'S
CREW
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ST. JOHN'S
DIVISION I
GOLF
1984
SPORTSMANSHIP HONOR ROLL
SAINT JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL

BASKETBALL

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ST. JOHN'S
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ST. JOHN'S
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ST. JOHN'S
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ST. JOHN'S
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ST. JOHN'S
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Roster

Nathan Bangandozou
Sam Davies
Charlie Daniels
Bobby Duquette
Malakhi Knight
John Love
Aidan McGee
Owen Moreira
Beau O'Beirne
TJ Power
Ben San Fratello
Lucas San Fratello
Sean Sullivan
Andres Torres

CREW

Varsity Roster

Jason Ames
Tyler Boucher
Jack Colebourn
Tyler Dudley
Matthew Grden
Collin Hicks
Braeden Hughes
John Lane
Kevin LaVigne
John Lunt
Brandon Lutz
Owen Madigan
Cam McNeill
Noah Moselhy
Zachary Olson
Ryan Owens
James Parsaie
Quinn Shanahan
Lucas Silva
Alex Zadeh
Alexander Zhang

CROSS COUNTRY

Varsity Roster

Joe Bafaro
Andrew Bird
Matt Catarius
Connor Gothorpe
Michael Hayeck
Matt Jennings
Dylan Joerres
Vincent Johnson
Dante Maglitta
Dominic Mastromatteo
Ben Morris
Jeff Secrist
Kevin Spiegelman
John Sullivan
Sam Sziklas
Michael Terekhov
Padraig Vona
Tim Walsh
Chase Whitney
Connor Whitney
Brendan Wolohan

Captains:
Dominic Mastromatteo
Michael Hayeck

Record: 4-1

Pioneer Award:
Matthew Catarius

FOOTBALL

Roster

Steven Agora
Joshua Ahrens
Jayden Ampratwum
Thomas Anderson
Jean Brauna
John Brissette
Jay Brunelle
Reese Brunelle
Noah Bryant
Nick Carelli
Alexander Cariglia
Ben Carlson
Jack Carlstrom
Chris Cassidy
Tyler Castriotta
Matt Corinna
Anthony Cotoia
Liam Daly
Sam Davies
Austyn Demers
Eamonn Dennis
Colin Deso
Liam Downing
Jacques Durocher
Joe Durocher
Kyle Early
Luke Feraco
Mark Fields
Joseph Franzoso
Devin Gagnon
Shea Gallo-Kolegue
Mitchell Gorgas
Will Guelcher
Zachary Hastings
Justyce Hathaway
Conor Hickey
Richarno Hylton
Domenic Imparato
Cole Jefts
Armanii Jones
Joe Katinas
Austin Lacascia
Frank Lapolito
Sam Lavallee
Colton Lemire
Nick Mazzuchelli
JP McCarthy
Mohammed Moghrabi
Noah Moselhy
Jacob Newsham
Sam Pedone
Colin Schofield
Joshua Schwartz
Luke Shibley
Patrick Spellane
Antonio Stakely
Nick Stamoulis
Andrew Stolberg
Sean Sullivan
Cameron Thibeault
George Vassilakis
Niko Warren
Patrick Power (Manager)

Captains:
Liam Daly
Shea Gallo-Kolegue
Domenic Imparato
Joe Katinas

GOLF

Varsity Roster

Matt Bailey
JP Ceryanek
Zachary Colon
Raymond Dennehy
Jack Fenlon
Charles Galvin
Brendan Maykel
Tim Murphy
Liam Noonan
Daniel O'Brien
John Pagano
Andres Torres

ICE HOCKEY

Playing one of the toughest schedules in the state, the Pioneers (9-11-2) faced a different challenge every Game Night. Their 2018-2019 schedule included seven Super 8 participants (Austin Prep, BC High, Framingham High, Hingham High, Marshfield, Pope Francis, and Xaverian). Other Top 20 opponents included Catholic Memorial, Andover High, Franklin High, and Saint John's Prep. There is never a night off for the SJ Hockey team. The Varsity team was led by a Senior Captain forward Tim Farley. Tim was assisted by Senior Co-Assistant Captain defenseman Casey Sullivan and Junior Co-Assitant Captain forward Matthew Myers. In addition to Farley and Myers, the forwards were led by the following returning Varsity players…Senior Ryan Burke, Juniors Griffin Burns, Sean Clark, Hunter DiGregorio, Luke DeFlumeri, Brendan Doherty, Dhillon Wilde, and Sophomore Max Shutak. First year Pioneer Forwards included Senior Cam Luzzo and Sophomore Ryan Richard. Defensively joining Sullivan on the Pioneer blue line were Seniors Rob Macnamara & Shane Connors, Junior Evan MacDonald, Sophomores Mitch Albert & Andrew Dowd, and Freshman Josh Sacco. In the Pioneer net, Junior Dan Laursen saw the majority of the game action during the season. Junior Shane Audet was the backup goaltender. At the conclusion of the season, Tim Farley, Matthew Myers, and Dhillon Wilde were selected as Worcester Telegram & Gazette All Stars. With Sean Clark, Brendan Doherty, and Evan MacDonald receiving Honorable Mention from the T&G. Coach Michael Mead (SJ 'H) returned for his sixth Varsity season as the Head Coach of the Pioneers. Coach Mead was supported by Assistant Coaches J.T. Kelley (SJ '94), and George Spencer (SJ '96) with additional help from Head JV Coach Jeff Wright, Assistant JV Coaches Eric Busenburg (SJ '92) & Joe Paskalis (SJ '13) and Freshman Head Coach John Mullen (SJ '07) with his assistant Tim Carney (SJ '08) and Paul Greeley.

Roster

Mitchell Albert
Shane Audet
Ryan Burke
Griffin Burms
Sean Clark
Shane Connors
Luke DeFlumeri
Hunter DiGregorio
Brendan Doherty
Andrew Dowd
Tim Farley
Seth Girard
Dan Laursen
Cam Luzzo
Evan MacDonald
Robert MacNamara
Matt Myers
Ryan Richard
Josh Sacco
Max Shustak
Casey Sullivan
Shane Walsh
Dhillon Wilde (Manager)
Brendan Wolohan (Manager)

Captain: Tim Farley
Assistant Captains:
Casey Sullivan
Matthew Myers

Record: 9-11-2

Pioneer Award: Tim Farley

LACROSSE

The 2019 varsity lacrosse team had a great season. They defeated Longmeadow for the Central/West Division 2 District Championship by a score of 15 to 6. The team advanced to the State Semi Finals and finished its season with an overall record of 17 and 5. This year's schedule continued to have strong competition from all over the state. With wins over Franklin (2OT), SJ Prep, and an exciting victory over Longmeadow (4OT) during the regular season. This season's accomplishments can be attributed to the leadership provided by the 13 seniors and especially from Captains Charlie Davidson, Joseph Franzoso, Robert Macnamara and Brad Quitadamo.

This year's team was the recipient of several awards. Charlie Davidson was named Academic All American. Colin Deso, Charlie Davidson, Owen Boss, Brad Quitadamo, Joe Franzoso and Shane Walsh were selected Central Massachusetts Conference All Stars. Owen Boss, Charlie Davidson and Shane Walsh were selected to the Worcester Telegram & Gazette Lacrosse Super Team. This year's team award winners were: Owen Boss as Offensive Player of the Year, Shane Walsh as Defensive Player of the Year, Noah Bryant as Most Improved Player, Dan Laursen as Rookie of the Year, Brad Quitadamo as the Coaches Award and Josh Foster as the Unsung Hero. Tim Lacroix, Luke DeFlumeri, Justin Jablonowski, Shane Walsh, Noah Bryant and Owen Boss were named captains for the 2020 season.

Justin O'Leary Head Lacrosse Coach

Roster

Alex Abramo
Owen Boss
Jon Bouvier
Will Brewster
Trevor Brooks
Reese Brunelle
Noah Bryant
Rob Burke
Jack Carlstrom
Will Craemer
Finn Daly
Liam Daly
Charlie Davidson
Luke DeFlumeri
Colin Deso
Brendan Doherty
Scott Fallon
Josh Foster
Joseph Franzoso
Conor J. Hickey
Justin Jablonowski
Tim LaCroix
Dan Laursen
Robert Macnamara
Chase Munro
Jacob Mrva
Brad Quitadamo
Patrick Spellane
Trevor Vigeant
Padraig Vona
Shane Walsh
Jacob Wharton
Dhillon Wilde
Owen Wilson

Captains:
Joseph Franzoso
Robert Macnamara
Bradley Quitadamo

Pioneer Award:
Charlie Davidson

ALPINE SKI

As the 2018-2019 school year comes to a close, the Alpine Ski Team reflects on another successful and undefeated season. This year's squad was led by captains Brad Quitadamo '19, Dan Smith '19, and Collin Hicks '20. Other crucial varsity skiers were Ray Dennehy '21, Quinn Shanahan '21, Ben Sagerian '21, and Ryan Vroman '22. The pioneers capped of a perfect regular season at Ski Ward with a record of 50-0. The team won the Central Massachusetts Conference League Champions and were even hungrier for a potential state championship later in the season at Wachusett Mountain. Unlike most teams, the team was able to send 7 skiers to states after their terrific regular season standings. With such great depth the team knew they had a shot at bringing a state title back to SJ. On February 27th, the team headed over to Wachusett for the MIAA D1 State Championship with competitive teams from all over the state. With the tailgating starting up and the great snow conditions, the pioneers hit the slopes. After the first run, the pioneers sat very high on the leader-boards as Ray Dennehy captured 1st place in the Giant Slalom. With great contributions from Shanahan and Hicks, the team placed 3rd in the state after the Slalom run later in the day. Saint John's was behind Saint John's Prep and Marblehead, two very talented teams. This 3rd place finish was the teams best since 2007. Although the title was not won, the team is progressing every year at the state level. Soon enough a red banner will be hanging in the Coaches Pavillion. The team next year will be very young but talented as always. We wish the seniors good luck in their future endeavors and we can't wait to see the pioneers shred it again in 2019-2020.

By Bradley Quitadamo '19

Varsity Roster

Kyle Austin
Zachary Colon
Raymond Dennehy
Brendan Dube
Collin Hicks
Chris Nolli
Brad Quitadamo
Jackson Ryan
Ben Sagerian
Quinn Shanahan
Ryan Vroman

SOCCER

The 2018 Saint John's Soccer team had a strong season, ending with an 11-4-6 record. The team featured twelve Seniors and were led by captains Alex Kovacs, Brian Schwalm, and Tyler Toothman. The year saw great improvements to the soccer facilities with the addition of two new turf fields and lights. The team also featured a very strong group of underclassmen who will build on the success of this year's Seniors.

After a tough opening night loss at Algonquin, the team rebounded with a huge 3-2 win over rival Saint John's Prep. A late winner in that game completed the hat-trick for Junior Andrew Eppinger and handed Prep one of only two losses they would suffer on the season. This win was followed up by a solid 3-0 win over Westborough which featured two goals from Sophomore Thalles Albino, who would lead the team for the season with 13 goals total. The team went through the middle of the season going 15 games without losing another game. During this stretch the team played its first home night game ever against Marlboro, which ended in a hard fought 1-1 draw. The team finished the season strong with a 3-0 win against Xaverian Brothers High School and a 2-1 win against rival Wachusett. Alex Kovacs scored both goals in the final game of the regular season, handing the Mountaineers only their second loss of the season. The season ended with a tough 1-0 Quarterfinal loss to Tantasqua. Many Pioneers collected individual honors. Among those were Conference All-Star goalkeeper Zakary Zequeira, whose nine shutouts in goal and amazing saves helped keep the team in every game. Scorers Andrew Eppinger (11 goals) and Thalles Albino (13 goals) were also names Conference All-Stars. Three players were named to the All-State team, they were Seniors Alex Kovacs and Brian Schwalm as well as Junior Ben Duby. Overall, it was a positive season which gives the program a lot to build on. A strong group of returning players and a great JV team provide hope for the team to be favorites in Central Mass over the next few years.

Roster

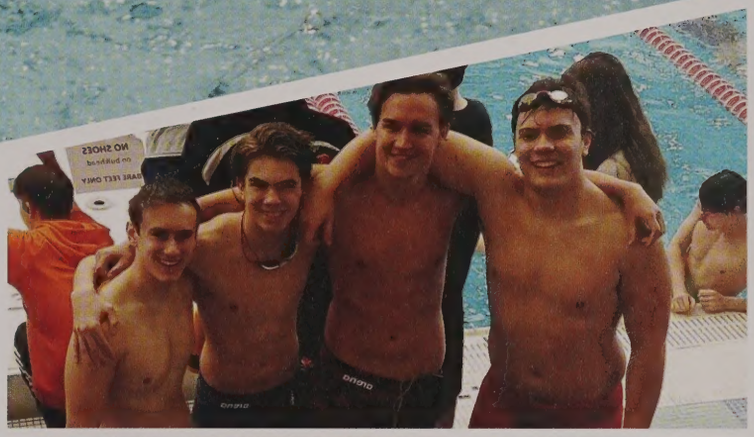
Kwame Adu-Gyamfi
Thalles Albino
Luke DeFlumeri
Justin Dubuque
Benjamin Duby
Aidan Duffy
Andrew Eppinger
Sumanth Ganjikunta
Cedric Hamilton
Alex Hartman
Thomas Hill
Carl Hughes
Edmund Hughes
Alex Kovacs
Andrew Kovacs
Brendan Lower
Connor McCabe
Matthew McLellan
Damari Mundell
Dante Romeo
Julian Rivera
Brian Schwalm
Tyler Toothman
Evan Vasilakeris
Zakary Zequeira

Captains:
Alex Kovacs
Brian Schwalm
Tyler Toothman

Record: 11-4-6

Pioneer Award: Alex Kovacs

SWIMMING & DIVING



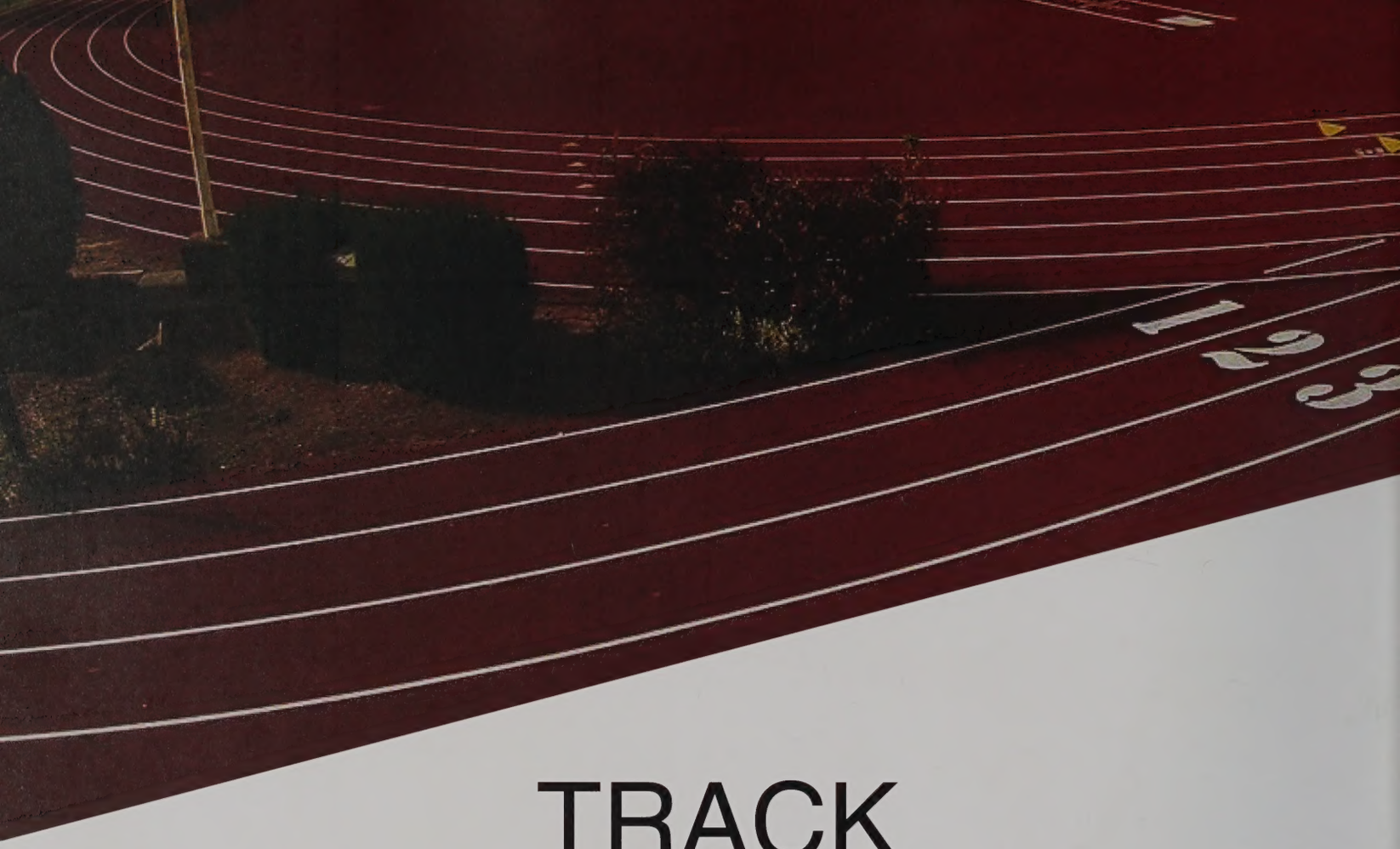
Varsity Roster

Joshua Ahrens
Will Brewster
Jack Colebourn
Will DeHoratius
Tyler Dudley
Liam Farrell
Cam Ganong
Nick Garcia
Angelo Giannopoulos
Ryan Hunter
Trevor Johnson
Tom Morrison
Chris Mucci
AJ Reinach
Brad Schlapak
Owen Semeter
Brett Winterhalter

TENNIS

Varsity Roster

Jack Durkin
Andrew Fraser
Syon Khosla
Aakash Koduri
Matt Luyrink
Matt Oliveira
Tom Pickering
Caleb Rocha
Keerat Sawhney
Brad Schlapak
Surya Suresh
Max Yan



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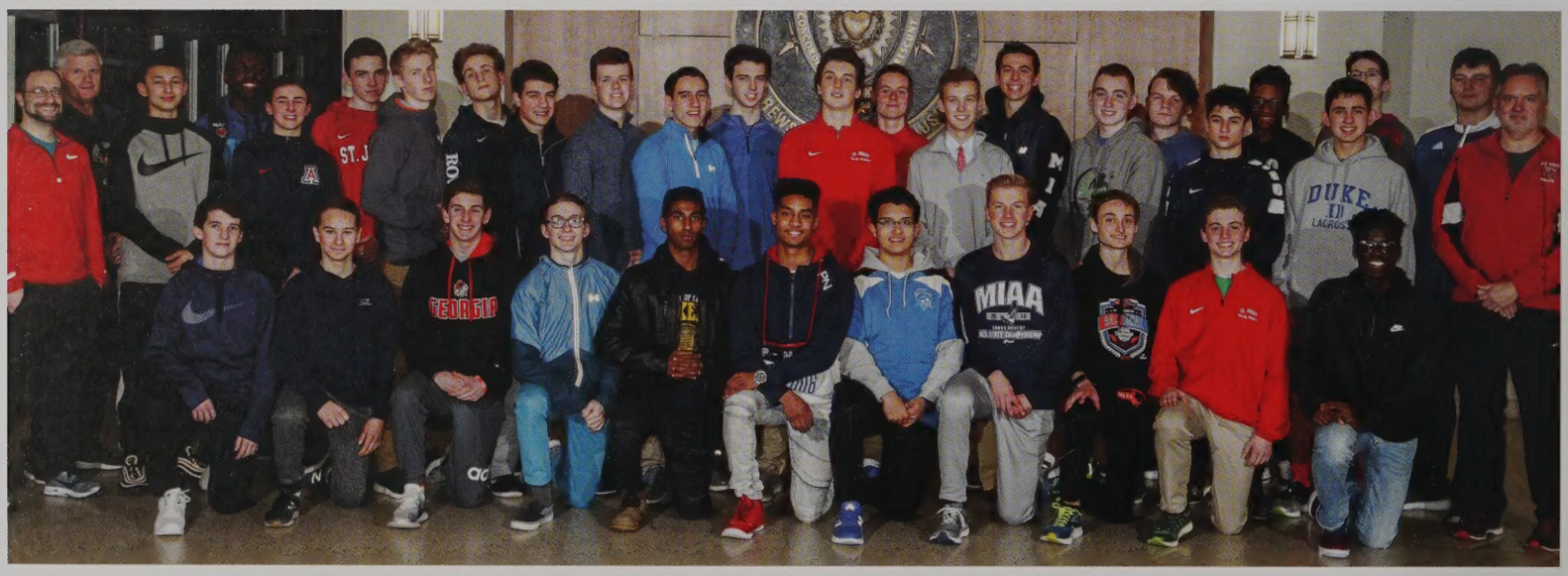
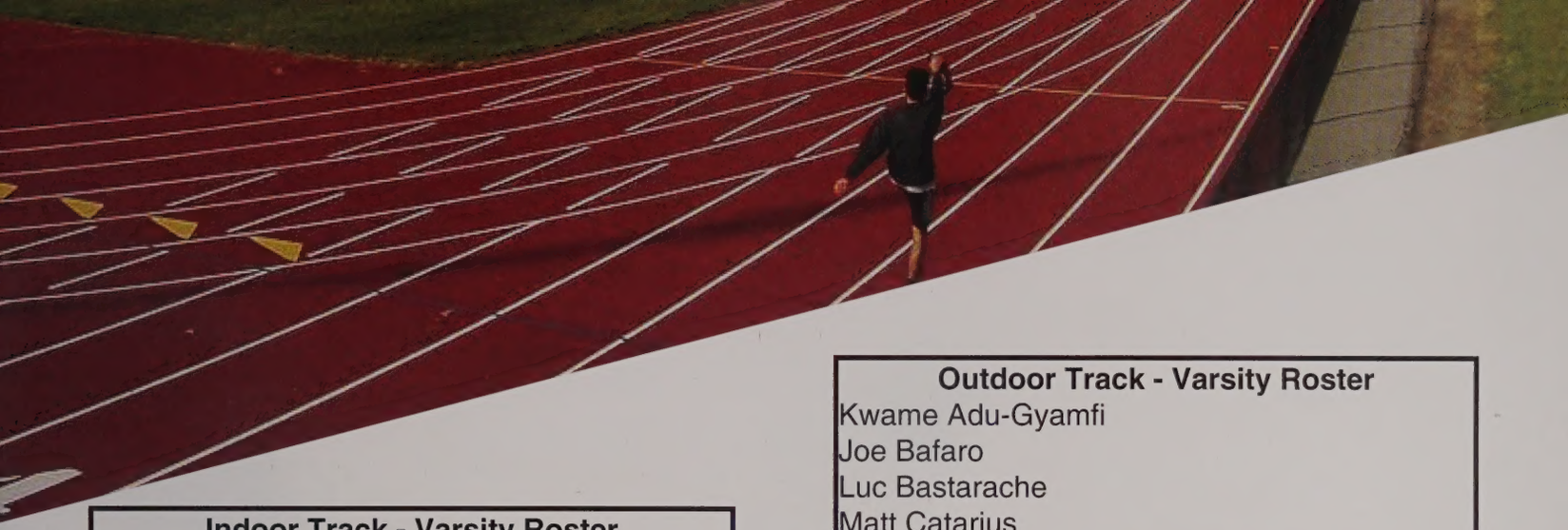


The track team had a solid indoor season, especially having to rebuild after graduating one of the best senior classes in many years. The Pioneers finished with a 2-4 dual meet record and a 4rd place team finish at Tri-County League Championship; Senior captain Dominic Mastromatteo was named a TCL All-Star. A very young team performed well at the Division I state championship, led by a 4th place finish in the 600m by Kwame Adu-Gyamfi. Kwame broke his own school freshman record in the 600m and turned in the top time in the country for a freshman with a 1:23.04 clocking. Jack Robertson and Mastromatteo also got into the scoring for the Pioneers placing in the 600m and 1 Mile respectively. Those three were joined by senior John Sullivan, placing 6th in the 4 X 800 m relay. Overall, the team finished tied for 17th place (out of 46 Div. I schools). At the All-State meet a week later, that same foursome ran a great race in the 4 X 800, finishing 4th in 8:05.17 and qualifying for the New England championships. At NEs the following week, the foursome lowered their time to 8:03.90, finishing in 5th place overall and qualifying for the National Championships. Adu-Gyamfi ran the freshman 400m and the same relay ran the 4 X 800 at the national championships during the March 8th-10th weekend in NYC, the 8th straight year the Pioneers have competed at Nationals.



Indoor Track - Varsity Roster

Kwame Adu-Gyamfi
Joe Bafaro
Luc Bastarache
Matt Catarius
Michael Hayeck
Evan Jarrell
Armanii Jones
Hunter Landry
Liam Lyons
Dom Mastromatteo
Carson Mighty
Ben Morris
Jack Robertson
Johnathan Shapiro
John Sullivan
Nick Urbano
Connor Whitney

Outdoor Track - Varsity Roster

Kwame Adu-Gyamfi
Joe Bafaro
Luc Bastarache
Matt Catarius
Matt Corinna
Devin Gagnon
Shea Gallo-Kolegue
Justyce Hathaway
Michael Hayeck
Evan Jarrell
Hunter Landry
Dom Mastromatteo
Carson Mighty
Ben Morris
Jack Robertson
Sebastien Romain
Jeffrey Secrist
Johnathan Shapiro
Nathaniel Sobchak
Tyler Toothman
Connor Whitney

The spring track team had a very good season, with many young athletes showing great promise during this rebuilding phase. The Pioneers qualified 12 individuals and all three relays for the Div. I CMASS/WMASS Championship. At the CMASS meet, junior Ben Morris led the way with a huge PR of 4:25.36 in the 1 Mile, finishing second overall. Senior Captain Dominic Mastromatteo also ran a PR in the 1 Mile, finishing 7th in 4:27.56. Freshman Kwame Adu-Gyamfi and Junior Jack Robertson also had strong performances, finishing 4th and 5th overall in the 800m @ 1:59.06 and 1:59.65 respectively. Adu-Gyamfi, Mastromatteo, Morris and Robertson ran a very strong 8:18.01 in the 4 X 800m relay, good for 2nd place to round out the scoring as the Pioneers finished in 12th place out of 37 Div. I teams. Also of note was the exceptional performance by freshman Sebastien Romain the shot put. Sebastien broke the existing freshman school record several times during the season, capped by a 43' throw at CMASS. That throw was good for 9th overall and improved the school record by nearly three feet on the year. A week later at All-States, Morris (17th in the 1 Mile) and the 4 X 800 relay ran 11th, with Junior Jeff Secrist subbing in for Morris, closed out the season.

VOLLEYBALL

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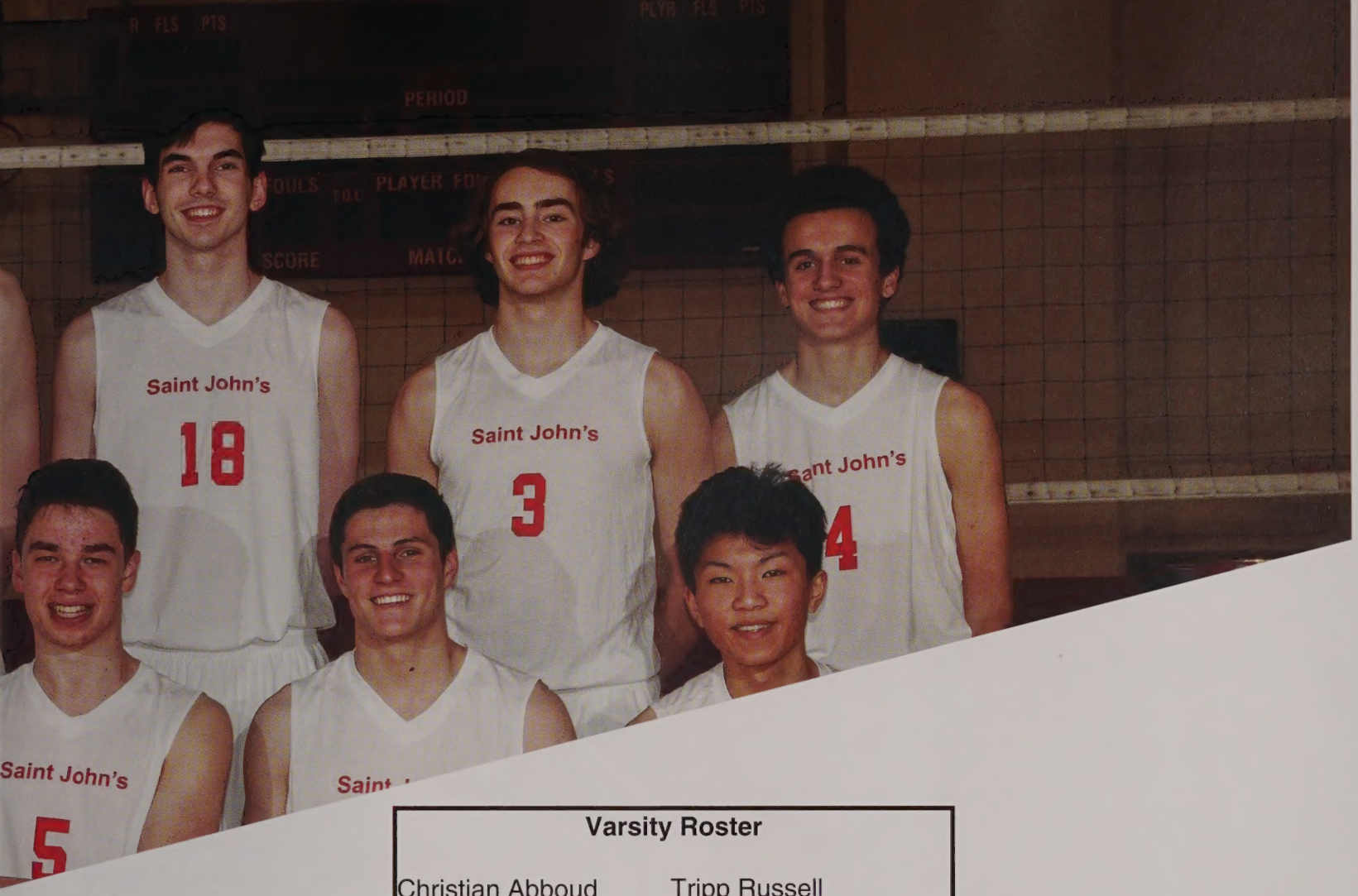
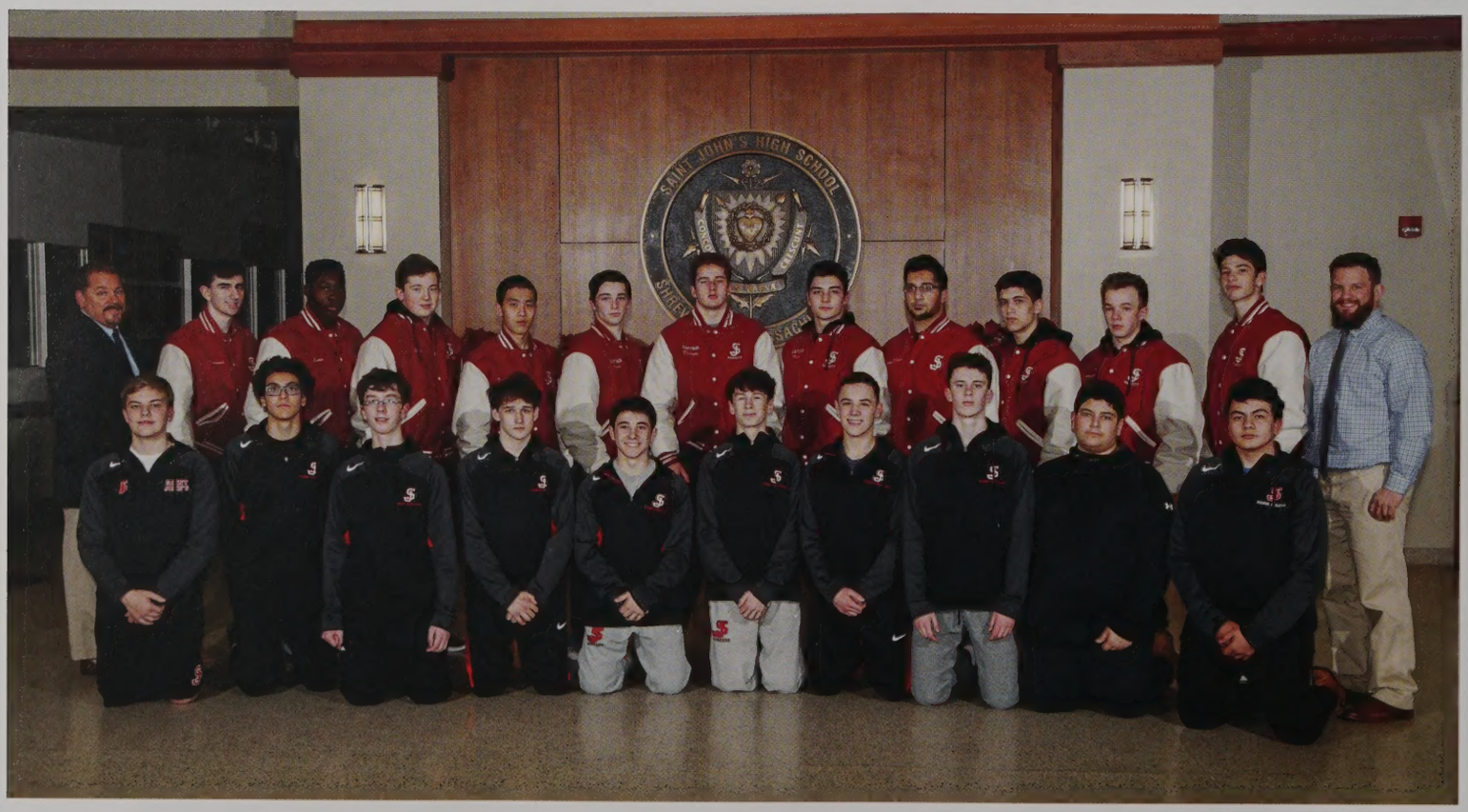


Varsity Roster

Christian Abboud	Tripp Russell
Erik Backman	Mark Samaha
Brian Chen	Casey Sullivan
Tommy Donahue	Spencer Sweeney
Cam Ganong	Andrew Toth
Michael McCabe	David Wickstrom
Ansh Patel	

WRESTLING



Varsity Roster

Chuck Belsito
Chad Caracciolo
Ryan Carpino
Jason Domski
Kyle Early
Booker Lester
Kris Liberti
Matt Lundin
Tyler Joseph
Nick Mazzuchelli
]Owen Roche
Haris Waqar
Justin Zannotti
Dan Zhang

JV & FRESHMAN TEAM PHOTOS

Junior Varsity Team Photos

Football

Soccer

Basketball

Junior Varsity Team Photos

Hockey

Baseball

Lacrosse - JV White

Freshman Team Photos

Football

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CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

BE LIKE BRIT

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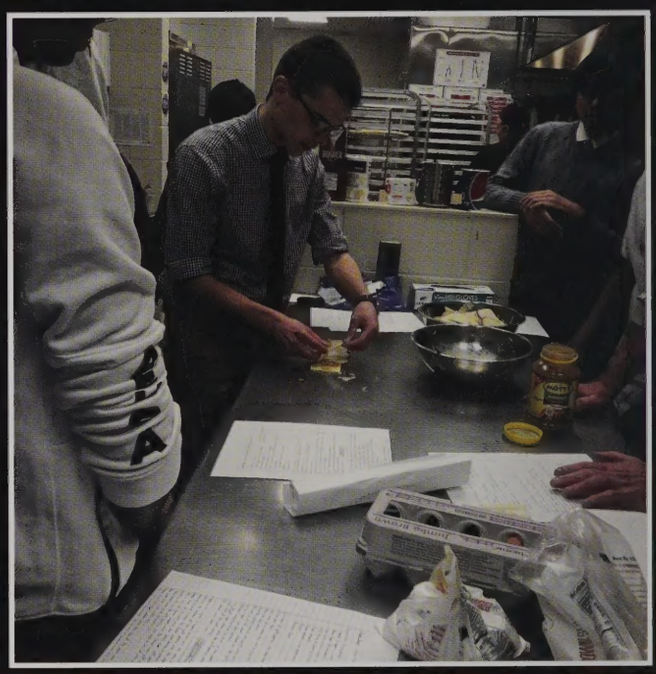

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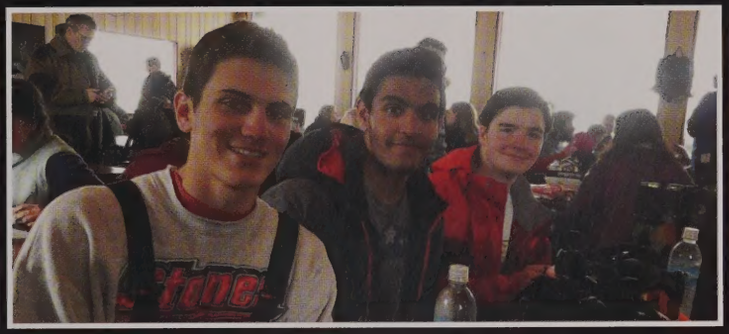

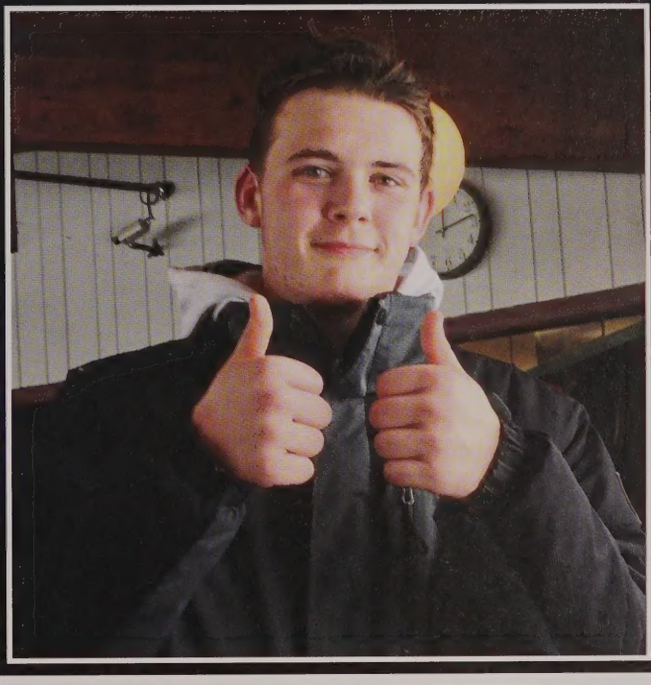

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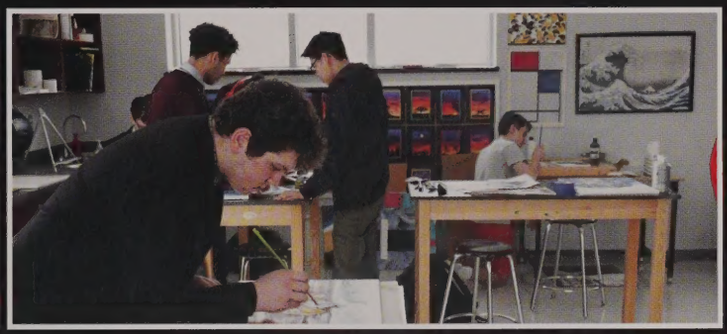

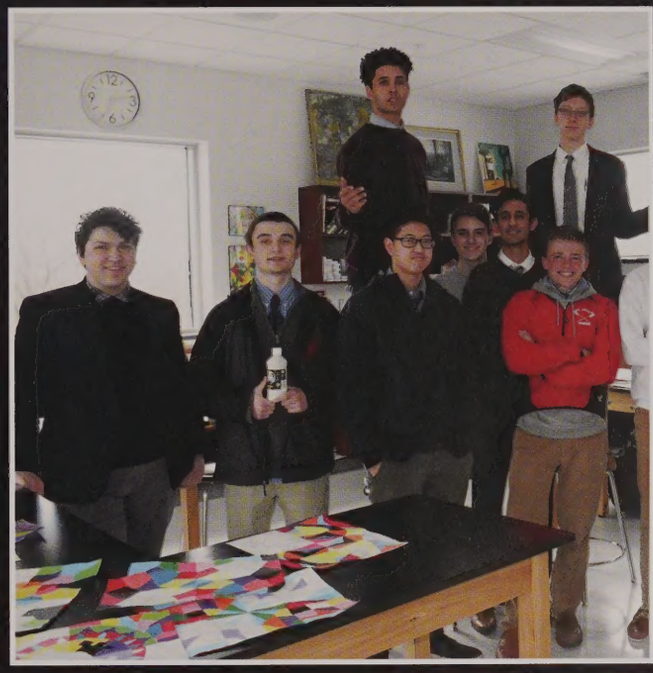

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MATH TEAM

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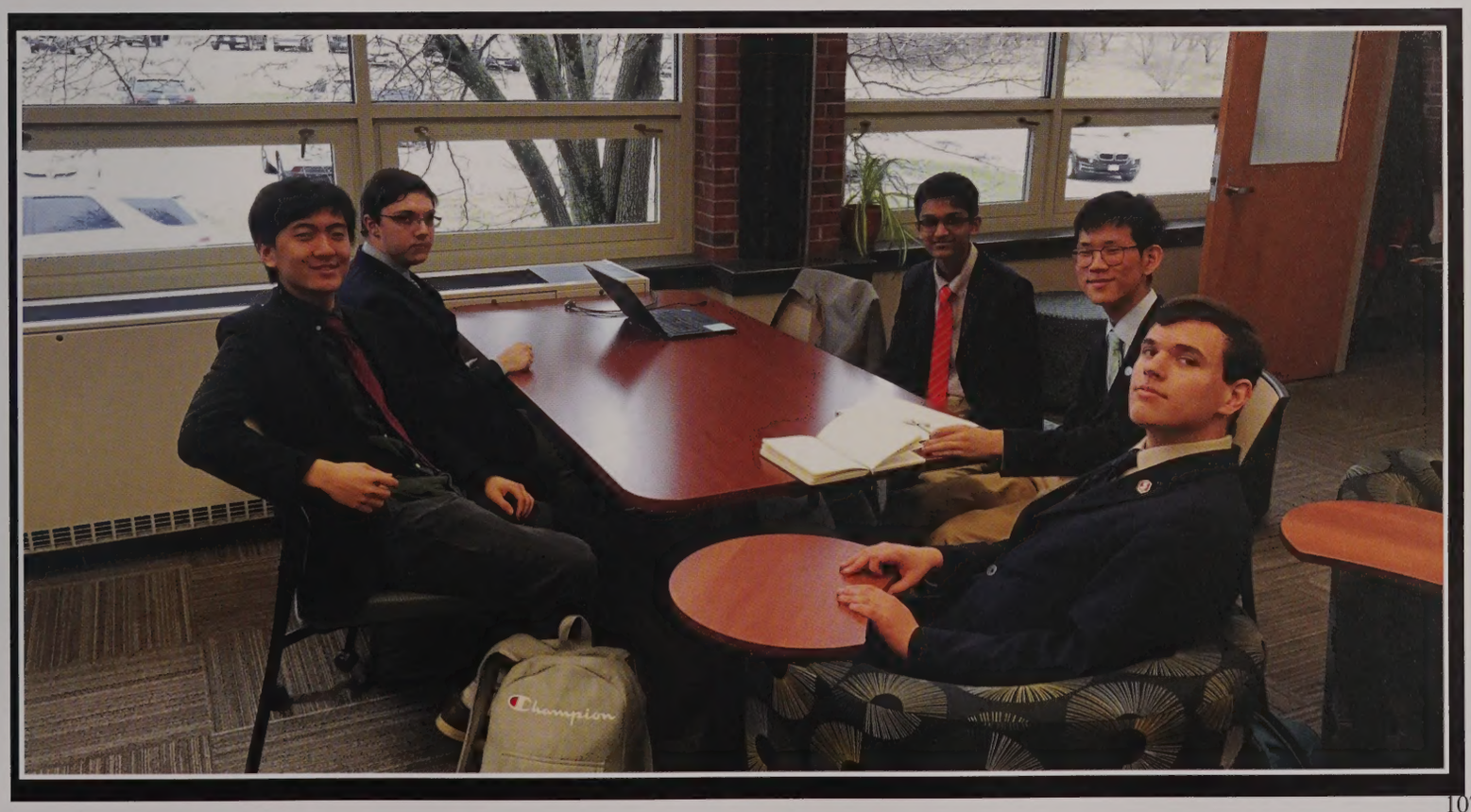

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POWERLIFTING TEAM

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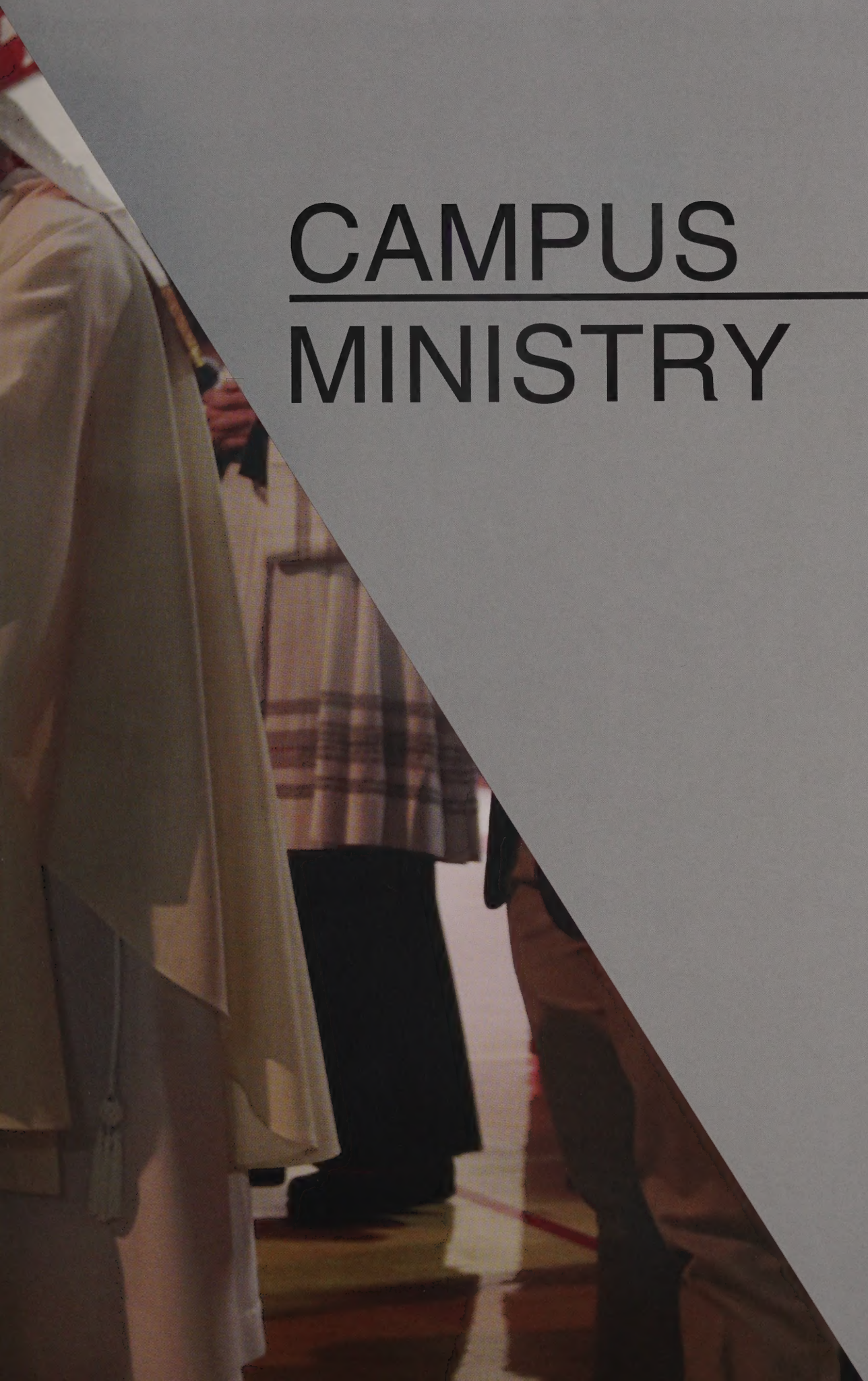
CAMPUS MINISTRY



THIS IS
OUR
HOUSE

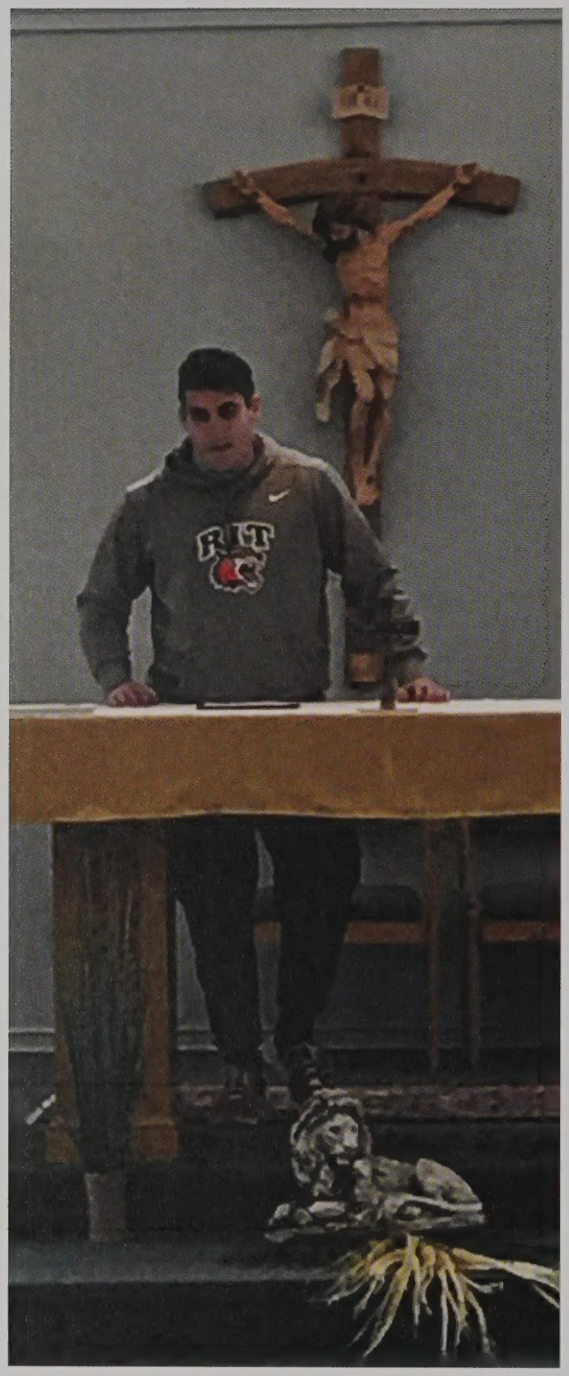
Day One
~Matthew West

I wish I wasn't wishing anymore
Wish I could remember that nobody's
keeping score
I'm tired of throwing pennies in a well
I gotta do something
Here goes nothin'

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

NOT FOR SALE

URBAN ENCOUNTER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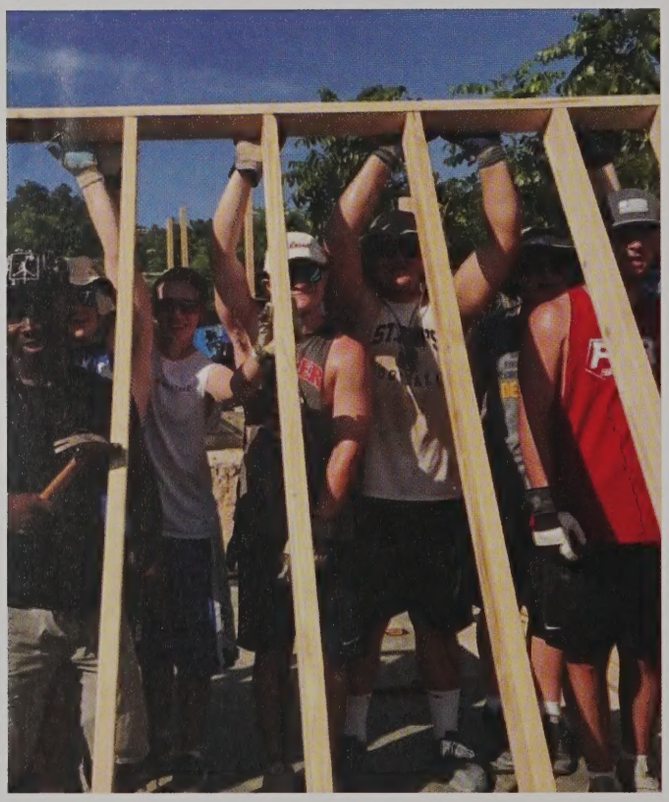
St. John's

KAIROS



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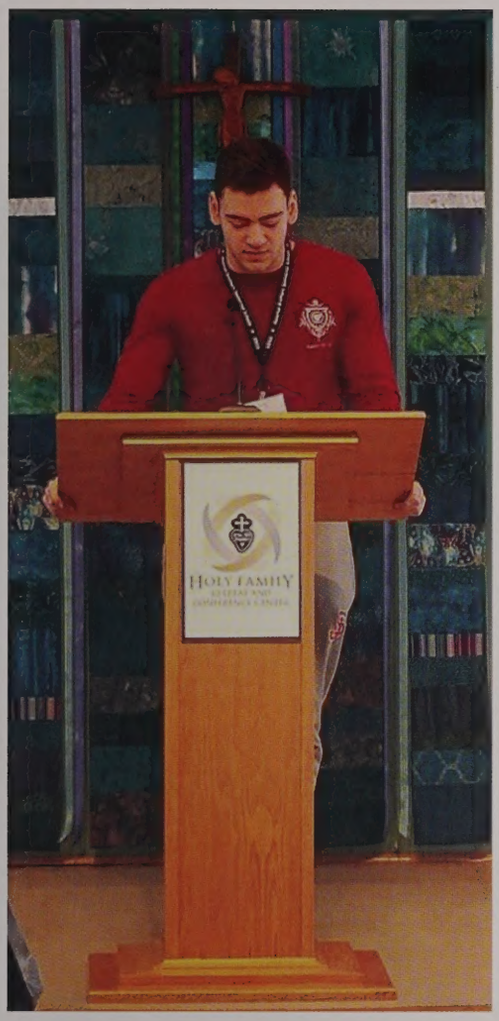
HOLY FAMILY

ST. JOHN'S
IN HARMONY
SMALL THINGS
GROW
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WEEKLY SERVICE

It is through you that God desires

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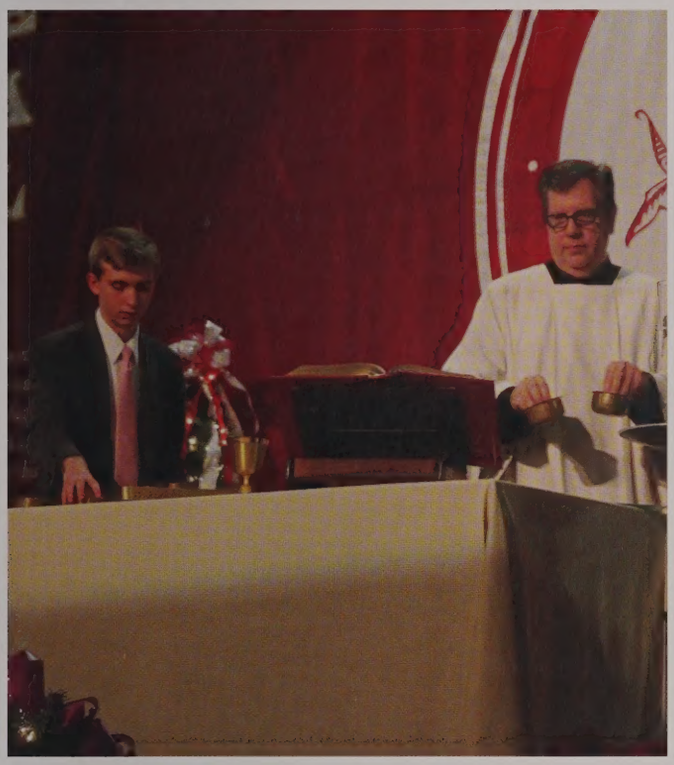

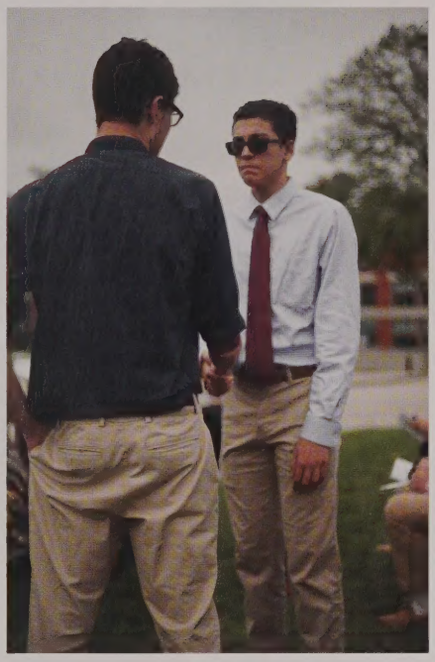

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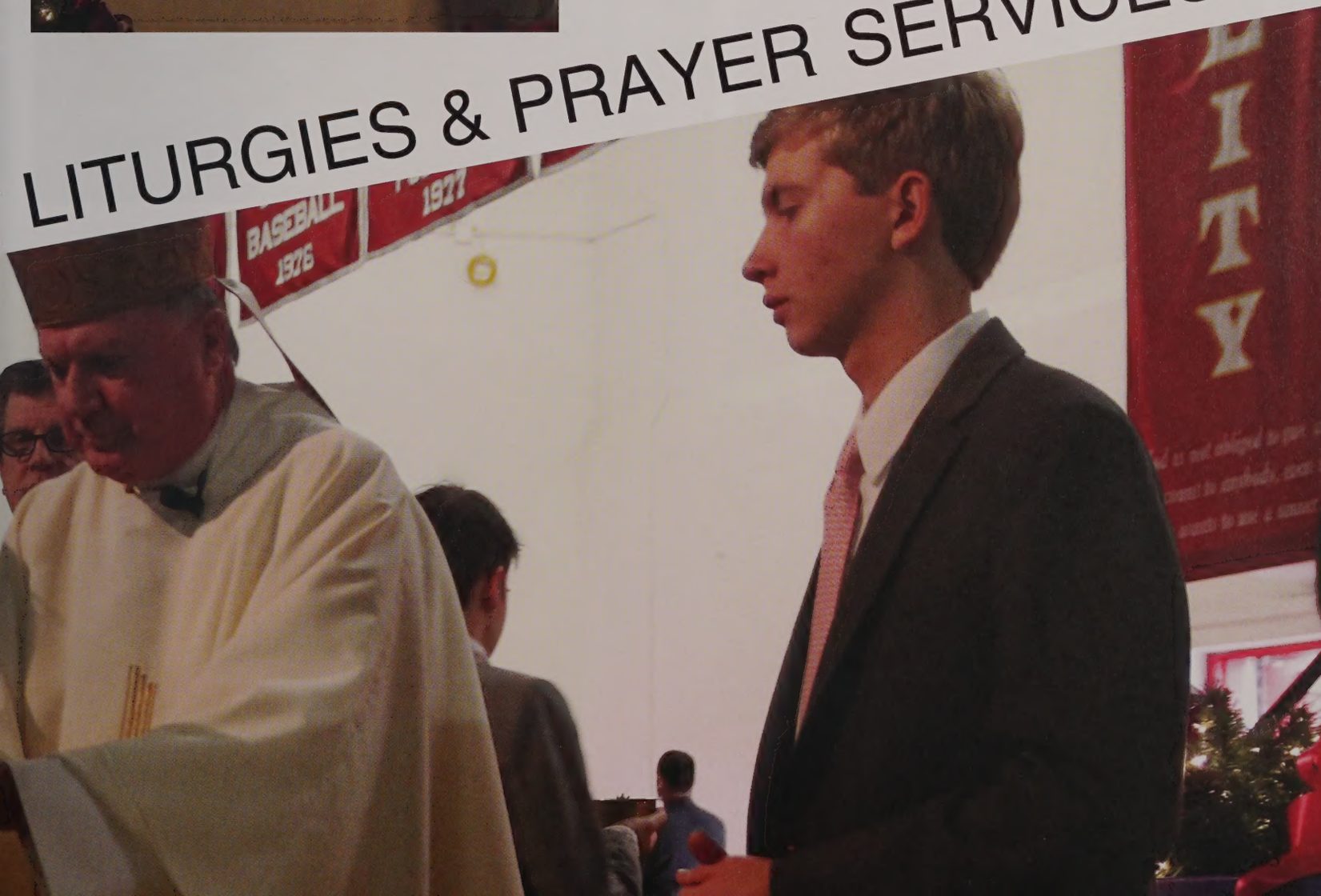

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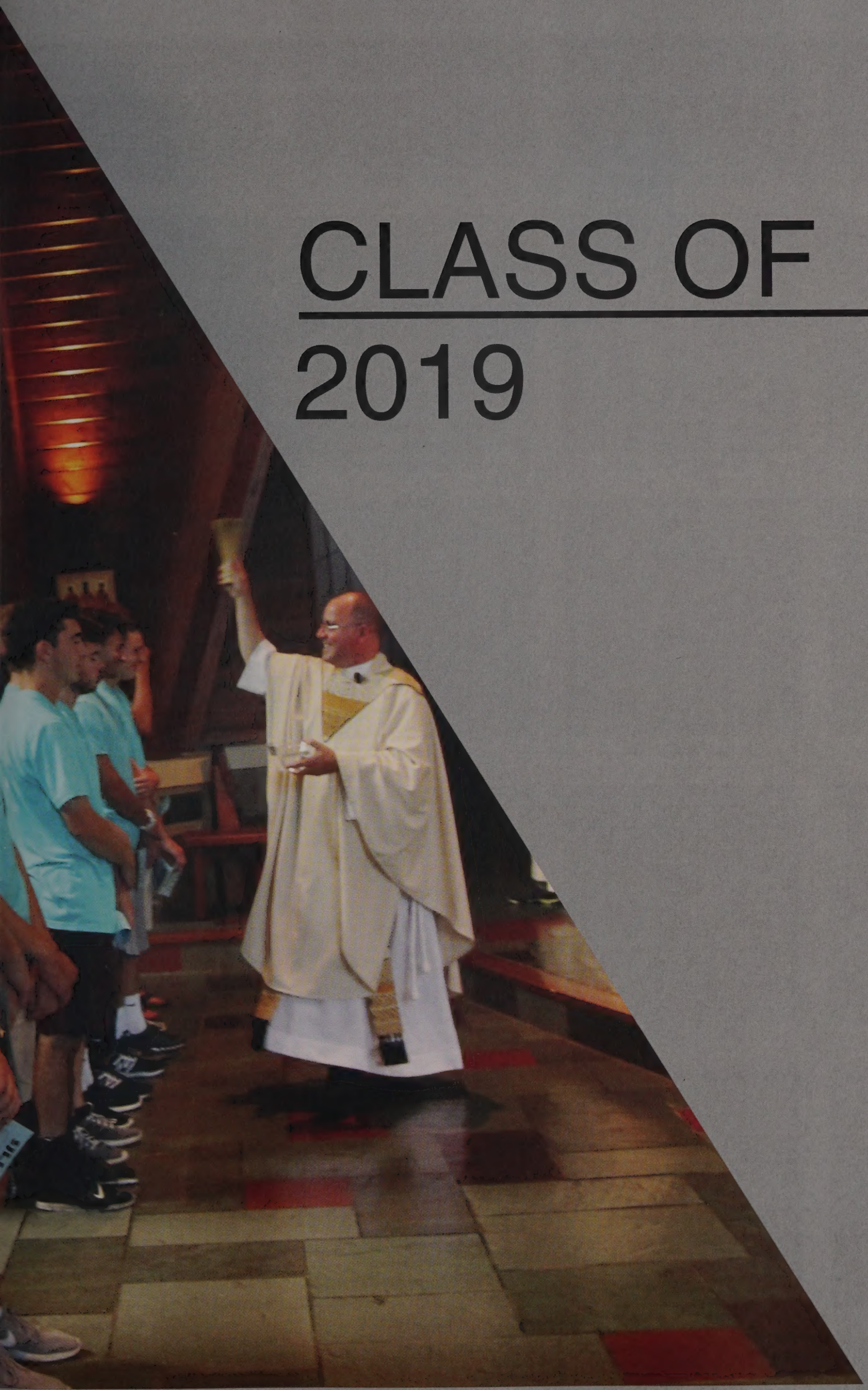
CLASS OF 2019



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Jason Ames

Vraj Amin

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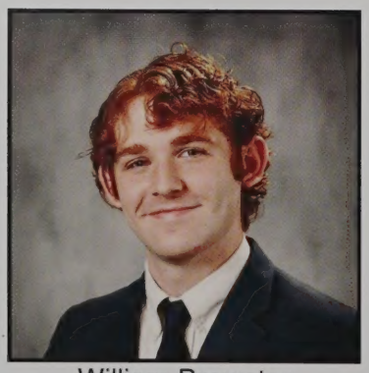
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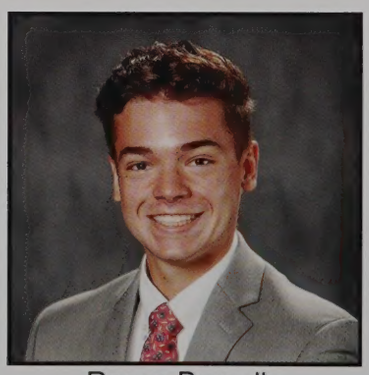
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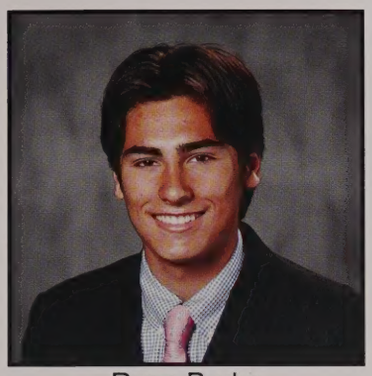
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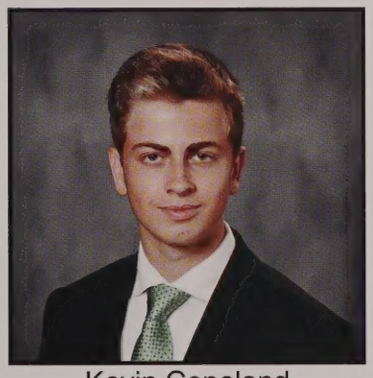
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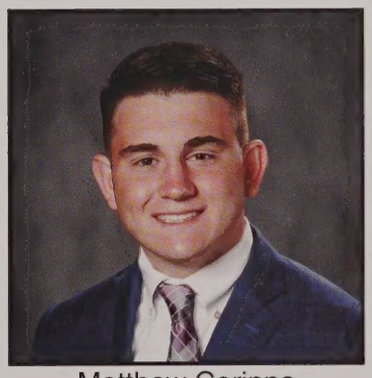
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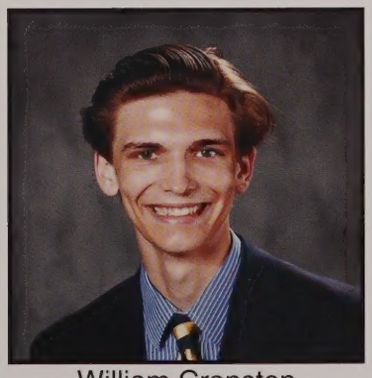
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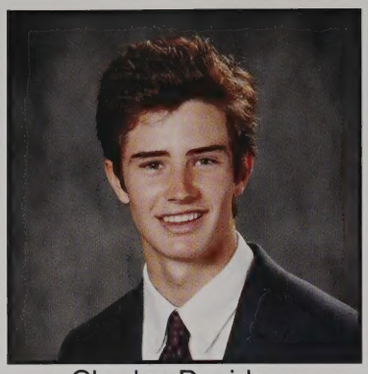
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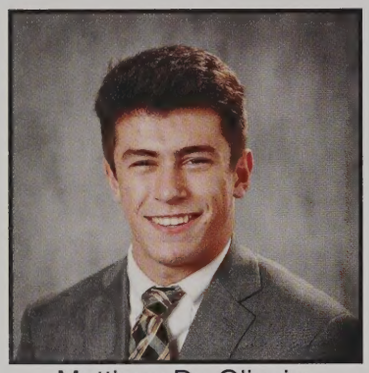
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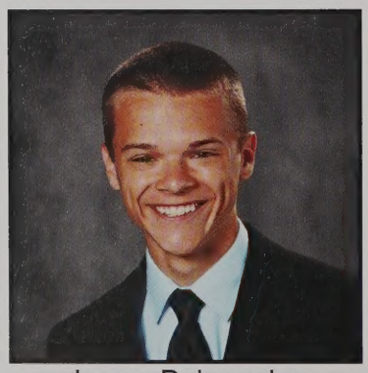
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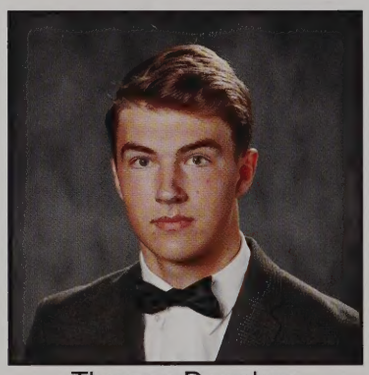
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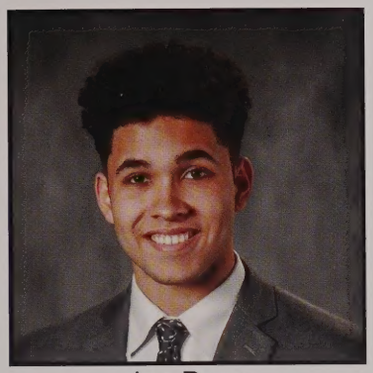
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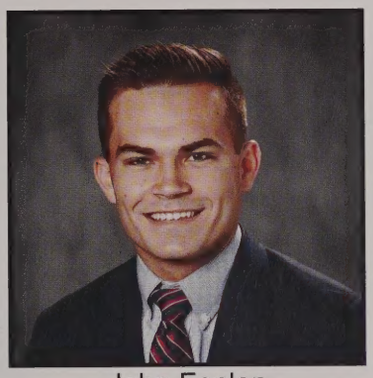
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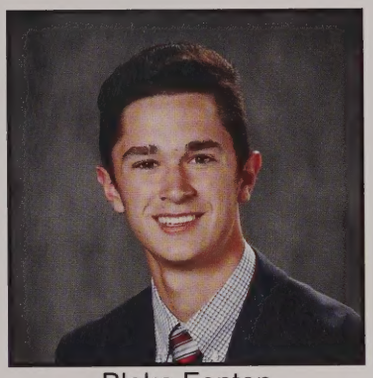
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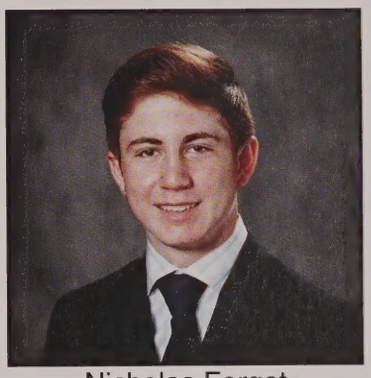
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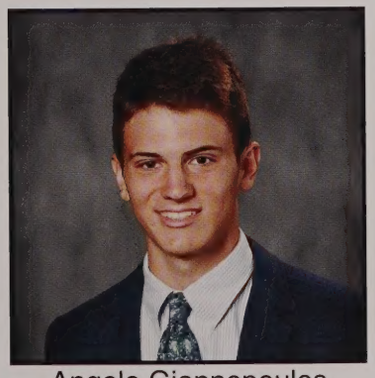
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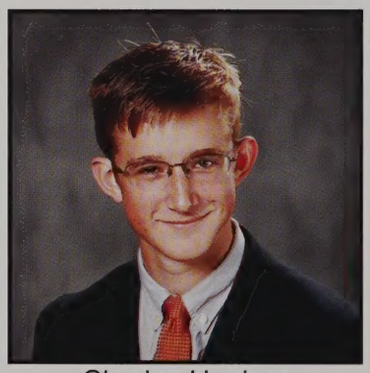
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Dominic Konrad

Alexander Kovacs

Andrew Kurina

Austin LaCascia

Jonathan Lane

Michael Lanosa

Matthew Larson

Matthew Livingston

Jacob Lorusso

Samuel Louback

John Love

Ryan Luddy

John Lunt

Cameron Luzzo

Troy Lyden

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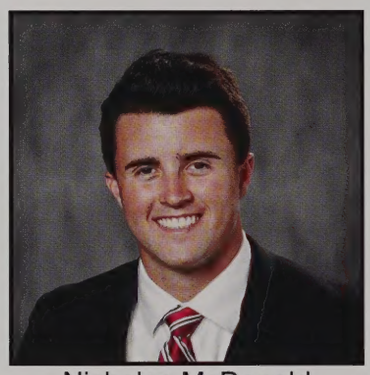
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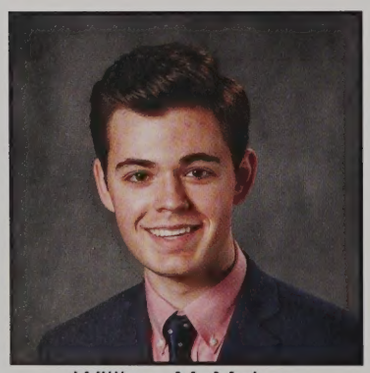
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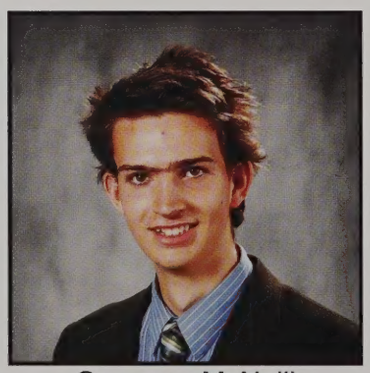
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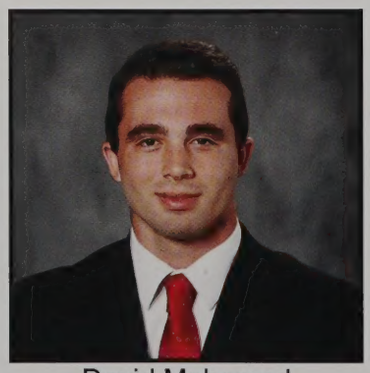
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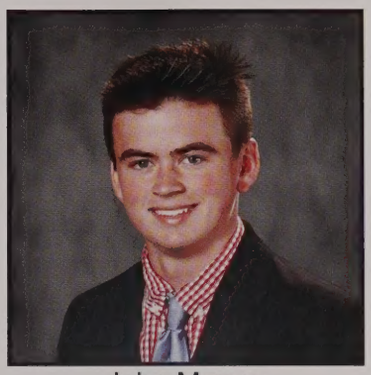
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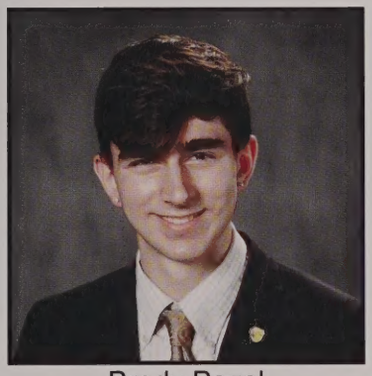
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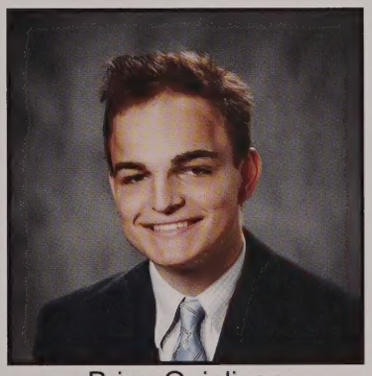
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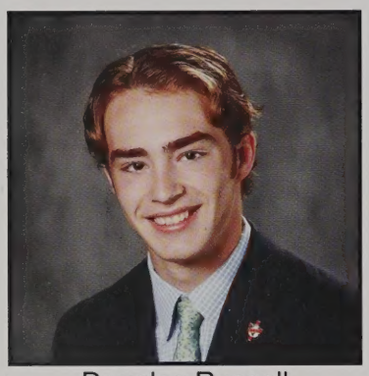
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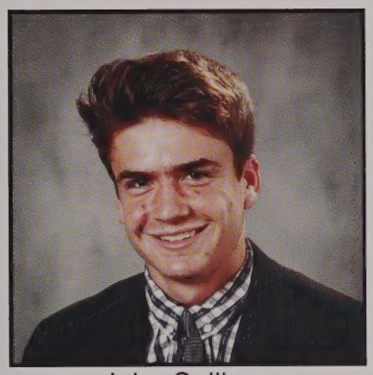
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Christopher Tran

Shane Tynan

Nicholas Urbano

Evangelos Vasilakeris

Thomas Villa

Maxwell Vinzi

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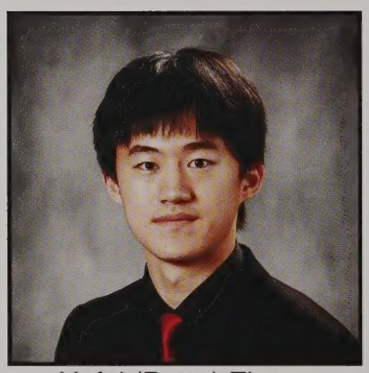
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Zhou Zhou

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SENIOR FORMAL

On Friday, April 26 the senior class celebrated and danced together at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, MA for their senior formal. The students had a blast!

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SENIOR NIGHT

Saturday night, May 11th, marked the very first Senior Family Night at Saint John's High School. The evening was filled with stories, laughter, and even a few bittersweet tears, as senior families gathered together for one of the last times here at Saint John's. The event also debuted the Class of 2019 senior video - from which some photos are shown below. With such a remarkable turnout, there is no doubt that this feel-good event will be an annual event for years to come!

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GRADUATION

On Sunday, May 19 we graduated the Class of 2019 at the College of the Holy Cross in what was a moving, powerful, and remarkable day for all.
At the ceremonies, Headmaster Zequeira P'19 thoughtfully reflected, "We accomplish nothing in our lives alone and while today is a celebration of you - both individually and as a class - it is not a celebration for you. It is a celebration for your families, friends, faculty, staff, administration, coaches, club moderators, all our peers and adults, everyone who has helped get you here today."

GRADUATION

Thank you to the gentlemen of the Class of 2019, their families, friends, and everyone at Saint John's who made their Saint John's experience possible and impactful. We look forward to seeing these young men at alumni events in the future and continuing to be a part of your families for years to come.

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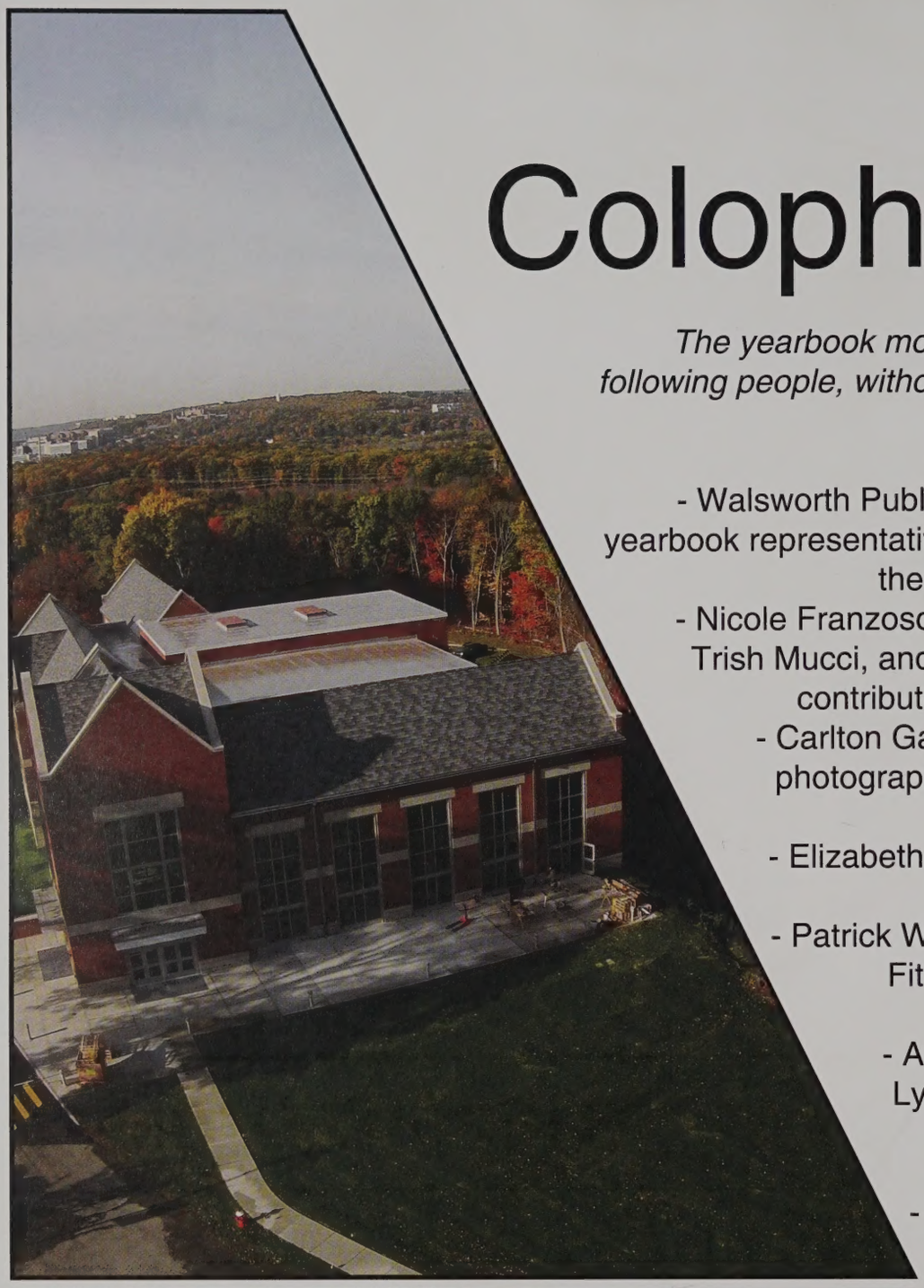

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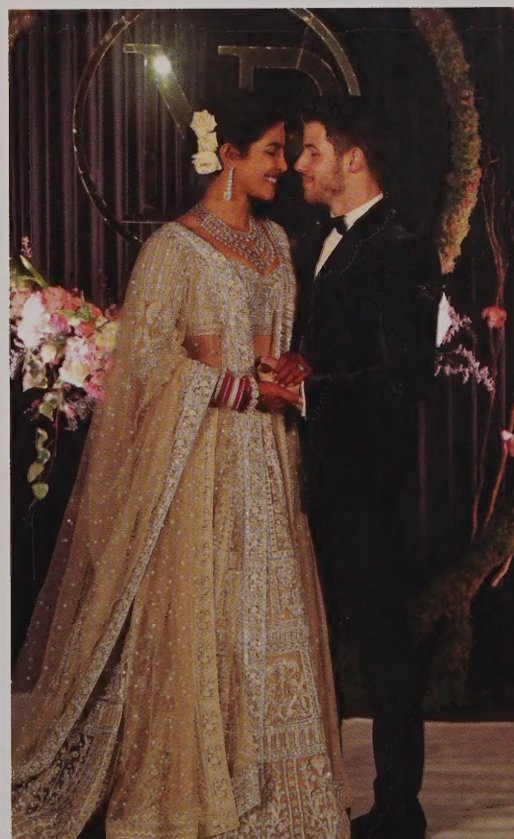

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Rise from the Ashes

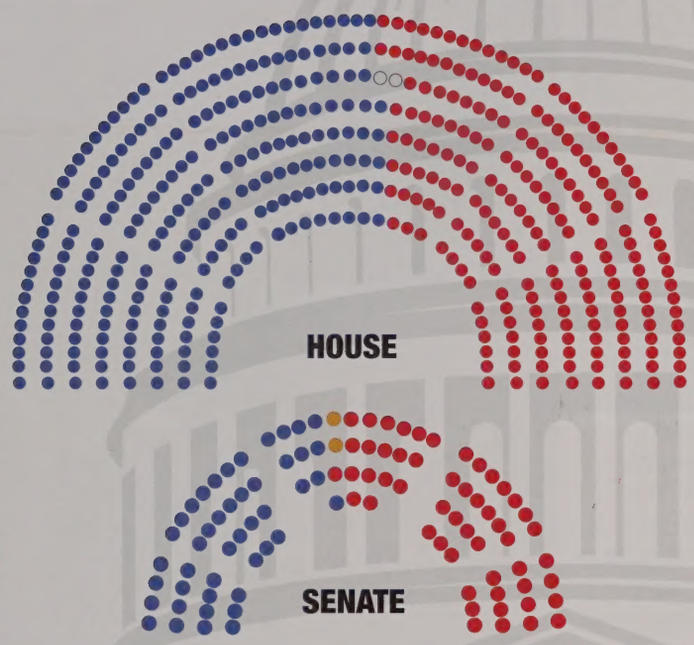
Sorting through the ruins of his former home, Lou Donnelly, left, and his brother-in-law, Donald Weeks, find little remains after the Camp Fire blazed through Paradise, California, in November. The fire, which was California's largest, deadliest and more destructive than the previous seven most destructive fires combined, cost at least 85 people their lives and displaced more than 250,000. Many remained missing as rescue crews continued their search. The Camp Fire burned concurrently with the Woolsey and Hill Fires in Southern California.

Rain, Rain, Go Away

Hurricane season brings two particularly destructive hurricanes to the eastern coast. Hurricane Florence made landfall in North Carolina in September, bringing record-shattering rain and flooding, while October's Hurricane Michael, characterized by heavy winds, was the strongest storm to ever hit the panhandle of Florida. The storms killed more than 90 people and caused billions of dollars in damage.

Stalemate

As the government shutdown stretched on to become the longest in U.S. history, "We're Closed" signs became increasingly common, as seen at the National Zoo and other popular attractions. Over 800,000 federal workers were affected, not including government contractors, when an agreement on funding could not be reached. Those categorized as essential personnel worked without pay while those categorized as non-essential were furloughed starting in December.



Count Me In

The 2018 midterms see the highest turnout in over a century, fueled by a polarized political climate and heightened voter enthusiasm. Democrats easily regained control of the House but failed to win back the Senate, with Republicans gaining two seats to strengthen their hold. A record number of women and people of color won seats, making this the most diverse Congress ever. Nancy Pelosi, the first female speaker of the House, made history by becoming the first person in over 60 years to be reelected after leaving the position.

Royal Delivery

American actress/activist-turned British Royal Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, sports her baby bump. Just five months after her wedding to Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, in May 2018, Kensington Palace announced the couple was expecting their first child, due in the spring of 2019, with all members of the royal family reportedly delighted by the happy news. Regardless of gender, the baby will be seventh in line to the throne.

Finding Your Balance

A baby goat brings smiles and practices its own balance while perched on an enthusiast's back. With millions of Americans trying yoga each year and more than two million goats in the United States, it was only a matter of time before someone put them together. Though its origins are somewhat murky, the goat yoga trend spread quickly, offering a good time to human and caprine practitioners.

Fighting for Our Future

Levi Draheim, 11, speaks at a climate change rally in Eugene, Oregon. Draheim was one of 21 young plaintiffs suing the United States government for failing to protect the Earth from the effects of climate change. In Juliana v. United States, petitioners claimed the promotion of fossil fuels threatens the survival of future generations.

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The End of an Era

As the American public pays their final respects to former president George H.W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States, he is also mourned by his service dog, Sully. Bush died Nov. 30, 2018. The year was marked by two major political losses. Senator John McCain died Aug. 25, 2018, from brain cancer. Both Bush and McCain made significant marks during their time in office and were widely mourned by both Democrats and Republicans.

A New Justice

Filling the second vacancy of his presidency, President Donald Trump watches as Judge Brett Kavanaugh is symbolically sworn in by retired Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy with Kavanaugh's wife, Ashley, and daughters, Liza and Margaret, by his side. The ceremony took place shortly after Kavanaugh was confirmed by a Senate majority vote, becoming the 114th justice in the nation's history.

#Blessed

Overcome with emotion, Howard University senior Mya Thompson reacts to Alfred Street Baptist Church's surprise announcement they are paying her tuition and fees balance. The church, one of the nation's oldest African American congregations, donated $100,000 to Howard University, distributed to 34 graduating seniors. They raised the money during a church-wide prayer and fasting campaign where members gave offerings for a community cause, including $50,000 for Bennett College.*

A Narrow Rescue

Twelve boys and their coach are in good health after their rescue from a flooded cave in Thailand. The soccer team was trapped for more than two weeks after heavy rains blocked their way out. Thai Navy Seals swam through narrow passages to reach the boys in what they referred to as one of their most dangerous missions, even leading to one Navy Seal's death.

"Not a Woman in Science"

The 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics was split, with half awarded to Arthur Ashkin, and the other half jointly to Gérard Mourou and Donna Strickland. The work of all three centers on laser physics, but Strickland received extra attention for being only the third woman to receive the prize in its 118-year history. In interviews following the announcement, she made it clear that she sees herself "as a scientist, not a woman in science."

Truth in Journalism

"The Guardians and the War on Truth" rose to the top of TIME Magazine's Person of the Year. They were journalists whom world leaders and governments tried to silence. Four separate covers featured either slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi; Maria Ressa, founder of the online news site Rappler; the wives of Reuters reporters Kyaw Soe Oo and Wa Lone holding pictures of their husbands who are imprisoned in Myanmar for reporting on the killing of Rohingya Muslims; or the staff of the Capital Gazette in Washington, D.C., where a gunman opened fire. TIME chose them to highlight the importance of journalism in the world and the need for truth and accountability. A few other short-list candidates included separated families, Dr. Christine Blasey-Ford, Black Panther Director Ryan Coogler and March For Our Lives activists.

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ENTERTAINMENT

A Marry Christmas Season

December becomes a month of "I do" for celebrities. Fans learned singer Nick Jonas and actress Priyanka Chopra wed in lavish dual Christian and Hindu ceremonies in India after a four-month engagement. Singer Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth wed in an intimate home ceremony fans only discovered through their Instagram accounts. Both weddings followed the official confirmation in November that singer Justin Bieber wed model Hailey Baldwin.

The New Playground

The hugely popular game Fortnite: Battle Royale continues to be a hit with children and teens, garnering over 200 million users worldwide. Groups of 100 battled virtually on an island where they fought to be the last player standing while avatars dressed in costumes and pulled out dance moves. The free download allowed users to collect weapons and resources as they played individually or in groups across multiple platforms.

A Pantone Year of Fashion

Supermodel Ashley Graham, recently named Fashion Force of the Year by Daily Front Row during New York Fashion Week for her body positivity activism, shows off some of the year's hottest fashion trends, such as neon colors. Neons and corals were seen everywhere from celebrity fashion to Pantone® Colors of the Year. Other popular trends included distressed denim, crop tops and tube tops, waist bags a.k.a. fanny packs, scrunchies, expensive athletic shoes, vintage-style glasses with semi-translucent frames, bike shorts and cargo pants, with many nods to early 90s fashion.

MOVIES in REVIEW

Popular movies of the year

- Venom
- Bird Box
- Avengers: Endgame
- Captain Marvel
- Aquaman
- Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald

The Audio Experience

The popularity of podcasts continues to grow. In 2018, it was estimated that 73 million people listened to podcasts in the United States and this number is expected to increase to an estimated 132 million listeners by 2022. Popular podcasts included *This American Life*, *Serial*, *The Stuff You Should Know* and *Dear Hank & John*, hosted by young adult author John Green and his brother, Hank.

Countdown to a Billion

Worth $900 million, Forbes features Kylie Jenner, 21, on the America's Women Billionaires cover as on track to become the youngest ever self-made billionaire. As a joke that went viral, Instagram celebrity Josh Ostrovsky started a GoFundMe page to help Jenner reach $1 billion.

Famous, Fabulous and Influential

Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, 76, passes away in August, but her legend endures. Four days of mourning, with a memorial service in her hometown of Detroit, featured celebrity tributes and fabulous fashion inspired by the diva. Franklin saw more than 100 of her singles place in the Billboard charts, received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and was bestowed a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Going Gaga

Lady Gaga is all smiles following the success of the film "A Star Is Born." Her performance and music were showered with praise, receiving awards and nominations at the Golden Globes, Oscars, Grammys and Screen Actors Guild awards ceremonies, among others. Gaga co-wrote and performed much of the film's original music, including lead single "Shallow." Her stand-alone music received recognition, with the song "Joanne (Where Do You Think You're Goin'?)" earning Gaga another Grammy.

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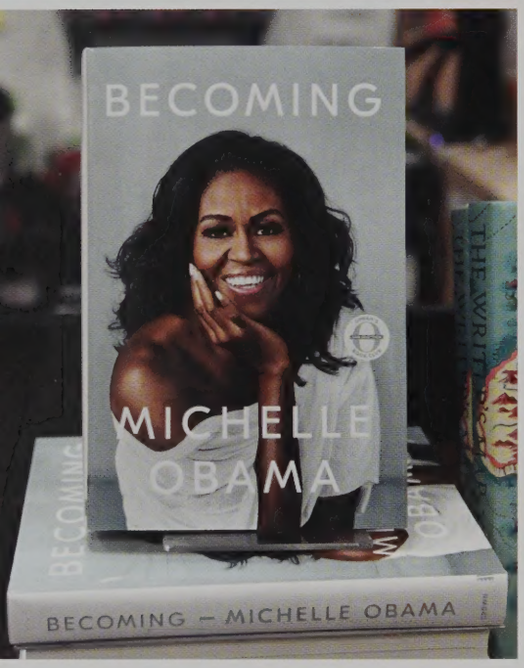
A New Way to Watch

Don't like the ending? Choose another! Netflix is now offering "choose your own adventure" options. They started the interactive options with shows for young watchers, then brought it to older audiences with the "Bandersnatch" episode of the science fiction show "Black Mirror." Viewers were given the opportunity to choose their storyline, making choices about everything from music to the character's reactions.



From First Lady to Bestselling Author

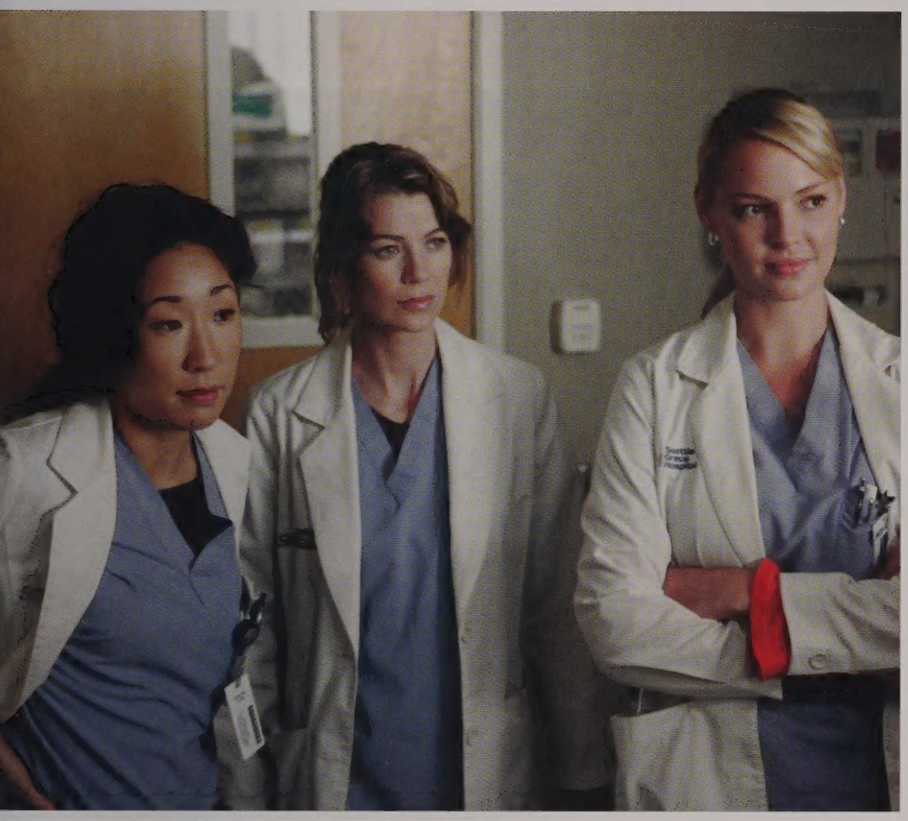
Michelle Obama's memoir, "Becoming," quickly becomes one of the most popular books of the year, selling more than 1.4 million copies in its first week. In its pages, the former First Lady shared stories of her life, from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her role as part of the first black presidential family in the White House.

Spice Up Your Life

In November, the Spice Girls officially confirm their widely anticipated reunion. The group, sans Victoria Beckham a.k.a. Posh Spice, announced 19 events thus far in the United Kingdom and Ireland throughout May and June of 2019. Widespread excitement from everyday fans as well as celebrities, such as Adele's Instagram post, accompanied the announcement.

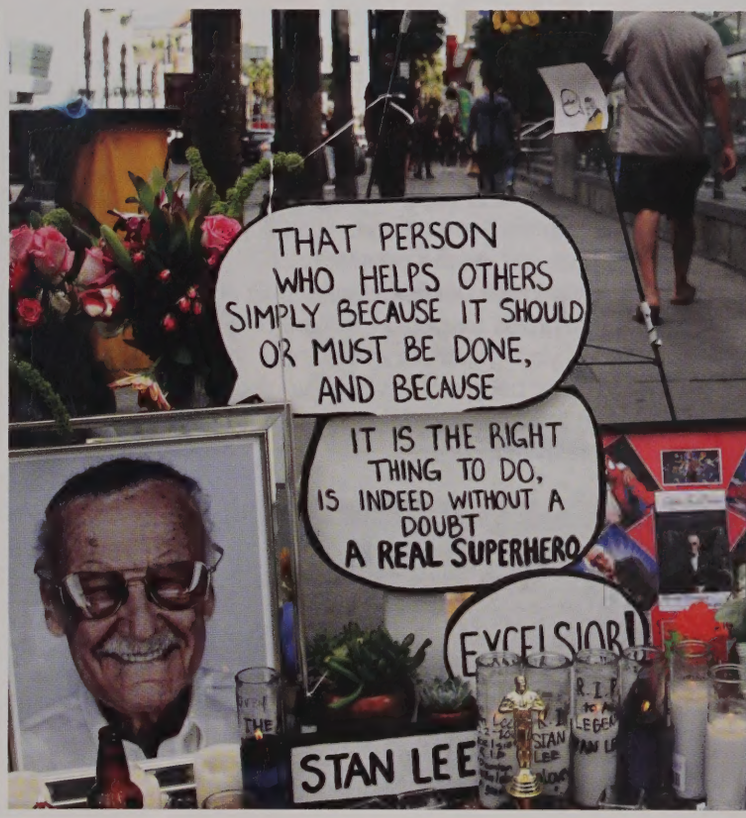
Bingeing on Nostalgia

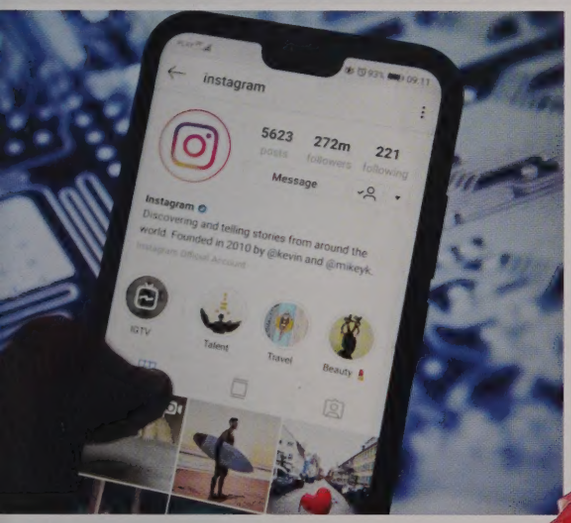
People show their nostalgia, with "The Office," "Friends," "Parks and Recreation" and "Grey's Anatomy" holding as the most-streamed shows on Netflix. On the airwaves, NBC's "Manifest," ABC's "The Conners," and the CBS procedural "FBI" were among the most popular new shows. "The Big Bang Theory" and spinoff "Young Sheldon" continued to be fan favorites, while "This Is Us," "The Good Doctor" and "The Voice" maintained their history of strong ratings.



Marvel's Marvels

The release of the highly anticipated films "Captain Marvel" and "Avengers: Endgame" is a bit bittersweet following the death of Avengers co-creator Stan Lee. Lee, 95, was credited with revolutionizing the superhero and comic book genre by portraying flawed characters like the Hulk, Doctor Strange, Spider-Man, Thor, Iron Man and the X-Men. He was known for his frequent cameos in Marvel Universe films.





Swipe Left

Instagram faces massive backlash in late December after an update made users swipe left to right to see stories instead of scrolling down. Instagram said a glitch accidentally sent an update that was supposed to only test a small group of users to everyone instead. Users complained that they would delete the app if the previous layout was not restored and Instagram fixed the bug the same day.

What a Handful

Cradling her four Grammys, Kacey Musgraves celebrates a successful night at the Grammys. Musgraves won Album of the Year and Best Country Album for "Golden Hour," Best Country Song for "Space Cowboy" and Best Country Solo Performance for "Butterflies," tying with Childish Gambino for most awards of the evening. She became the first country artist since Taylor Swift to win Album of the Year.

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YEAR in REVIEW SPORTS

Vive la Champions

France beats Croatia 4-2 to win the 2018 FIFA World Cup title. In a dramatic blow, Croatia's forward, Mario Mandzukic, sent the ball to the wrong goal by mistake, scoring for France. Kylian Mbappe, 19, scored a goal just over an hour into the game, joining Brazilian soccer star Pele in history as the only two teenagers to score at a World Cup Final. French coach Didier Descamps said France would be "on top of the world for next four years."

Objective: Victory

Gamers fight a virtual battle in October, seeking to win the 2018 eSports World Convention finals. As the popularity of eSports grew, massive arenas were built and competition prizes topped $1 million. One study found young gamers spent more time watching other people play video games online than they spent watching traditional sports on television.*

SPORTS in REVIEW

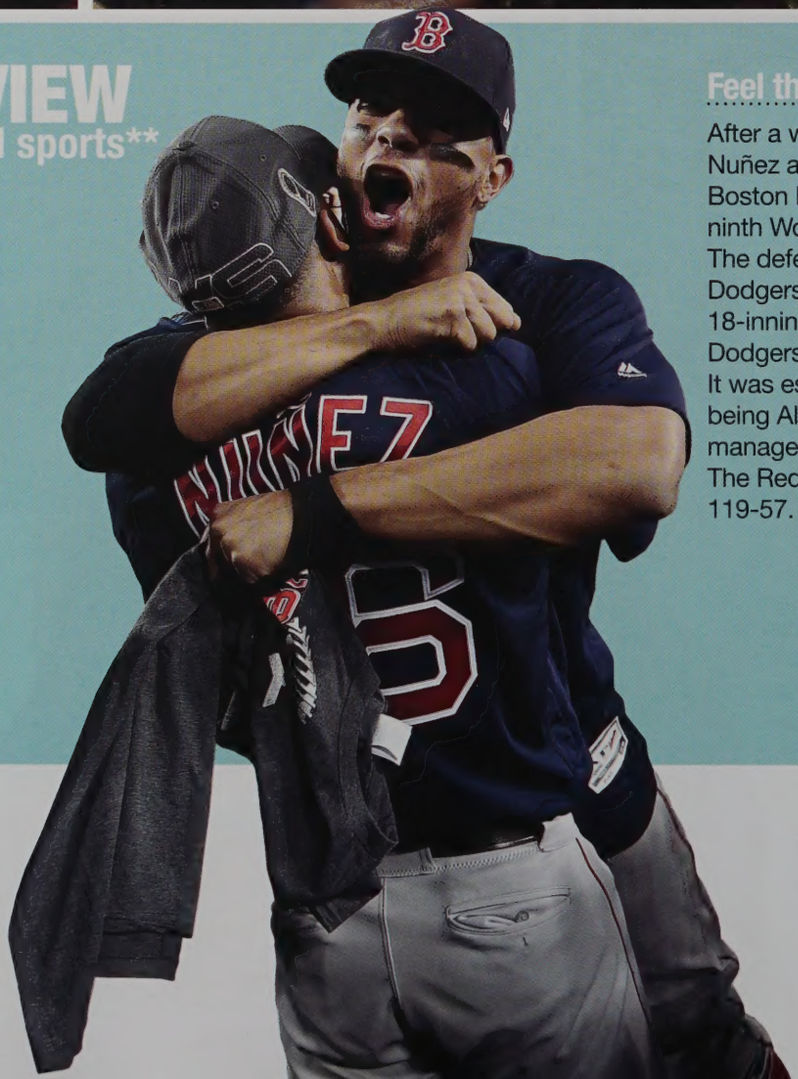
Top 5 most popular school sports**

Boys Programs

- Football
- Track and Field (Outdoor)
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Soccer

Girls Programs

- Track and Field (Outdoor)
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Softball-Fast Pitch



Feel the Glove

After a win in game 5, Eduardo Nuñez and Xander Bogaerts of the Boston Red Sox celebrate their ninth World Series championship. The defeat of the Los Angeles Dodgers included a nail-biting 18-inning game, which was the Dodgers' only victory in the series. It was especially impressive for being Alex Cora's first year as a manager in the Major Leagues. The Red Sox ended the season 119-57.

Westward Bound

After a free agency move to the Los Angeles Lakers, NBA star LeBron James still works to overpower opponents. James moved to L.A. despite an incredibly successful streak in Cleveland, where the Cavaliers made it to four consecutive NBA finals. While James got off to a winning start with the Lakers, an injury on Christmas Day caused him to miss several games while he recovered.

Suit Yourself

Outrage explodes when French Tennis Federation President Bernard Giudicelli says he intends to introduce a dress code following Serena Williams' formfitting catsuit as "one must respect the game and place," and that her outfit would no longer be accepted. Williams wore the outfit in her first Grand Slam appearance after giving birth to help protect her from blood clots and said the outfit made her feel like a "queen from Wakanda." Tennis legend Billie Jean King called it a "policing of women's bodies."

Don't Pull Me Down

Fighting to regain the ball, Los Angeles Rams cornerback Marcus Peters grips New England Patriots wide receiver Cordarrelle Patterson as he advances with the ball during Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta. The Patriots won 13-3 in their sixth Super Bowl victory, tying with the Pittsburgh Steelers for most Super Bowl titles, and Julian Edelman was named MVP of the game. It marked the lowest-ever Super Bowl score and the fewest touchdowns in a Super Bowl game.

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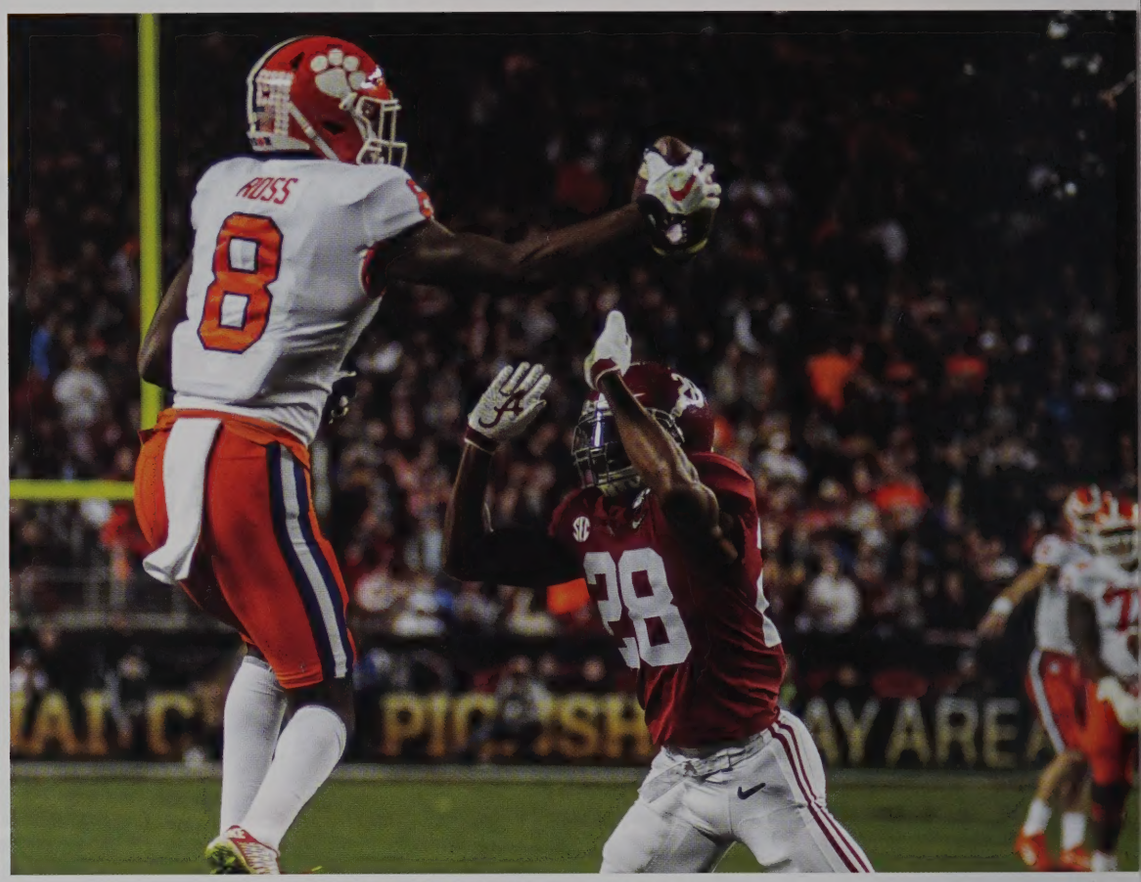
Changing Tide

In their fourth matchup in as many years, Clemson wide receiver Justyn Ross thrills fans with a one-handed catch in the air during the NCAA College Football National Championship in Santa Clara, California. The Clemson Tigers dominated the number one ranked Alabama Crimson Tide 44-16. Freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence proved a force to be reckoned with, throwing for 347 yards and three scores.



Battle of the Ages

The NFL's two conference title games are notable for their quarterbacks: in both games, established longtime quarterbacks face off against NFL newcomers. The Los Angeles Rams, with 24-year-old quarterback Jared Goff, beat the New Orleans Saints and 40-year-old quarterback Drew Brees to secure the NFC championship. For the AFC championship, experience won out over youth, with the New England Patriots and 41-year-old quarterback Tom Brady beating the Kansas City Chiefs and 23-year-old quarterback Patrick Mahomes, who was named the 2018 NFL MVP. The 16- and 18-year age differences were the largest in any conference title game.

The Expansion Pack

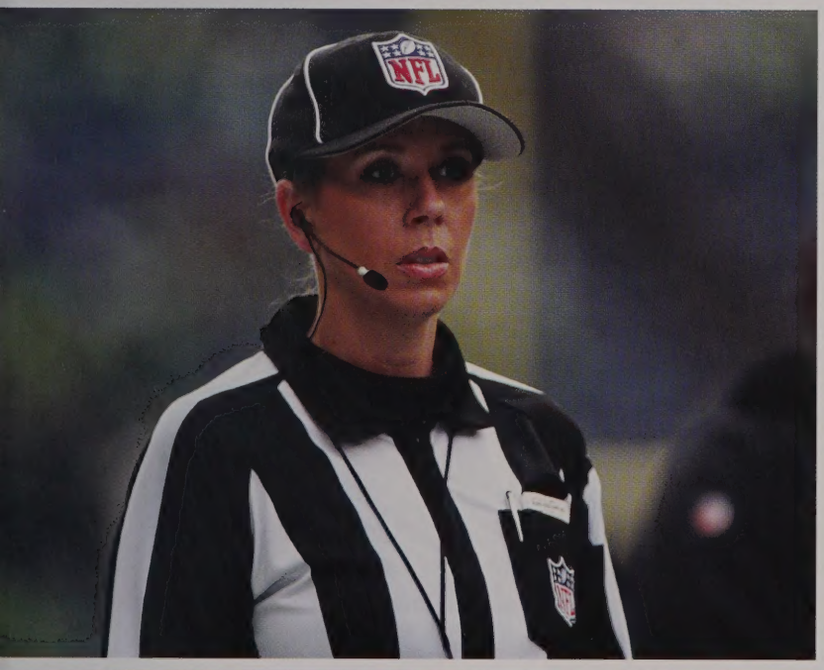
Fans gather to symbolically break ground for a hockey arena after December brought an announcement by the National Hockey League that a 32nd franchise would be added and based in Seattle. Though the team will not play until the 2021-2022 season, fans already speculated what their name would be. Major League Soccer expanded to 27 teams, adding in Austin, Cincinnati, Miami and Nashville, while a number of cities competed for the final 28th franchise.

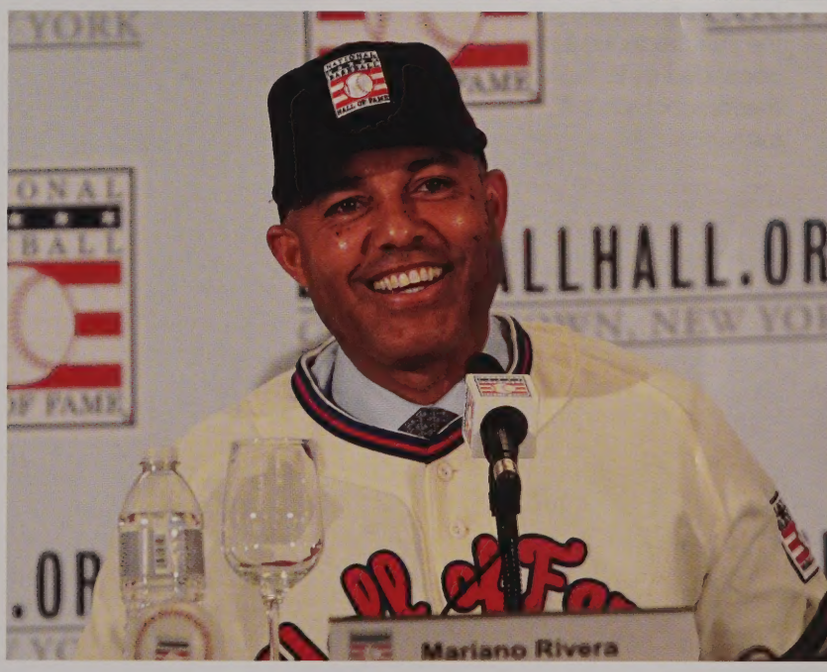
Ballet on the Big Screen

Ballerina Misty Copeland makes strides in the ballet world. At the esteemed American Ballet Theatre, she and Calvin Royal III became the first black couple to dance lead roles. They performed in the Harlequinade as Pierrette and Pierrot. She also danced as the Ballerina Princess in "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms," a cinematic adaptation of the famed Tchaikovsky ballet.

Raising the Bar

Simone Biles doesn't slow down after dominating the 2016 Olympics, becoming the most decorated female gymnast of all time. The 21-year-old Texan continued to dominate the U.S. gymnastics scene in 2018. She shone at the World Championships in Qatar, medaling in all six events despite being hospitalized with a kidney stone the night before qualifying.





First Lady of Football

Breaking another glass ceiling in a sports arena, Sarah Thomas becomes the first female to be an on-field official during the postseason. She was one of the referees during the playoff game between the Los Angeles Chargers and the New England Patriots. Thomas already made history by becoming the first female referee to officiate a college bowl game, as well as the first full-time female referee in the NFL.

Recognizing a Legend

While all MLB players dream of joining the Hall of Fame, former New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera tops that by becoming the first player to be unanimously voted in. Rivera, who did not even make it into the majors until he was 25, was a 13-time All-Star, a World Series MVP and anchor to five winning World Series Yankees teams. Rivera holds the record for all-time saves and was known for the cutter pitch that shattered many a bat.

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YEAR in REVIEW
SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY

Powerful Science, Great Responsibility

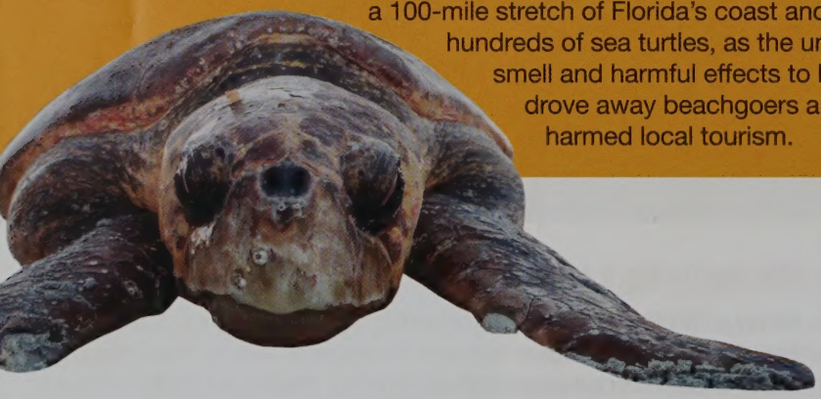
Excitement spreads through the scientific and medical community about the possibilities made available through the genetic engineering tool CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats). However, ethical concerns were raised when Chinese scientist He Jiankui announced his use of CRISPR to alter the DNA of two twin girls, making them resistant to HIV. His actions were widely condemned by the worldwide scientific community for not following scientific protocol.

Breaking Radio Silence

Scientists at the Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (CHIME) in British Columbia discover repeated radio blasts coming from space – 13 in three weeks and 6 in the same location. These millisecond-long bursts required the amount of energy the sun produces a year. Speculation abounded as to the source, and theories included everything from alien transmissions to an exploding star.

Red Death

Toxic red tide, the nickname used to describe massive blooms of Karenia brevis, has a conservation team rushing to the aid of this sick sea turtle. The algae was naturally occurring, but runoff from cattle farms and residential development encouraged growth to dangerous amounts. The resulting red tide killed millions of fish in the Gulf of Mexico, harmed wildlife along a 100-mile stretch of Florida's coast and killed hundreds of sea turtles, as the unpleasant smell and harmful effects to humans drove away beachgoers and harmed local tourism.



First Contact?

What appears to be an asteroid quickly travels through the solar system in 2018. Named 'Oumuamua – Hawaiian for "a messenger that reaches out from the distant past" – its unusual shape and speed caused some scientists to speculate that the object may have been created by an alien civilization. The theory was not widely accepted by researchers.

Mosquitoes on a Diet

The key to reducing mosquito-borne diseases may be a diet, at least for mosquitoes. Female Aedes aegypti mosquitoes don't eat for days after a large feeding, so scientists at Rockefeller University tried to simulate that with a human diet drug and succeeded! A solution that tasted like blood mixed with an appetite suppressant drug left the mosquitoes disinterested in human feeding, giving hope it could be used in outdoor traps to help reduce the spread of the Zika virus, yellow fever and dengue.

Losing our History

Flames engulf Brazil's National Museum in September, destroying most of the 20 million artifacts. People around the world mourned the devastating loss of heritage which included paleontology fossils, indigenous South American cultural artifacts, anthropological finds, Brazil's largest meteorite and Egyptian mummies, to name a few. It was the largest museum in South America, Brazil's oldest historical institution and former home of the Portuguese royal family.

Polar Extremes

A milk cow tries to keep warm in -28 degree weather in New Prague, Minnesota, before being milked at Metogga Lake Dairy. A warm front moved warm air into the arctic regions in late January and pushed the polar vortex cold air farther south, leading to record-breaking temperatures in parts of the north and Midwest. Parts of Iowa and Minnesota saw wind chills reach -50 and -60 degrees, and Chicago had to light railroad tracks on fire with kerosene-soaked ropes to keep them operational.

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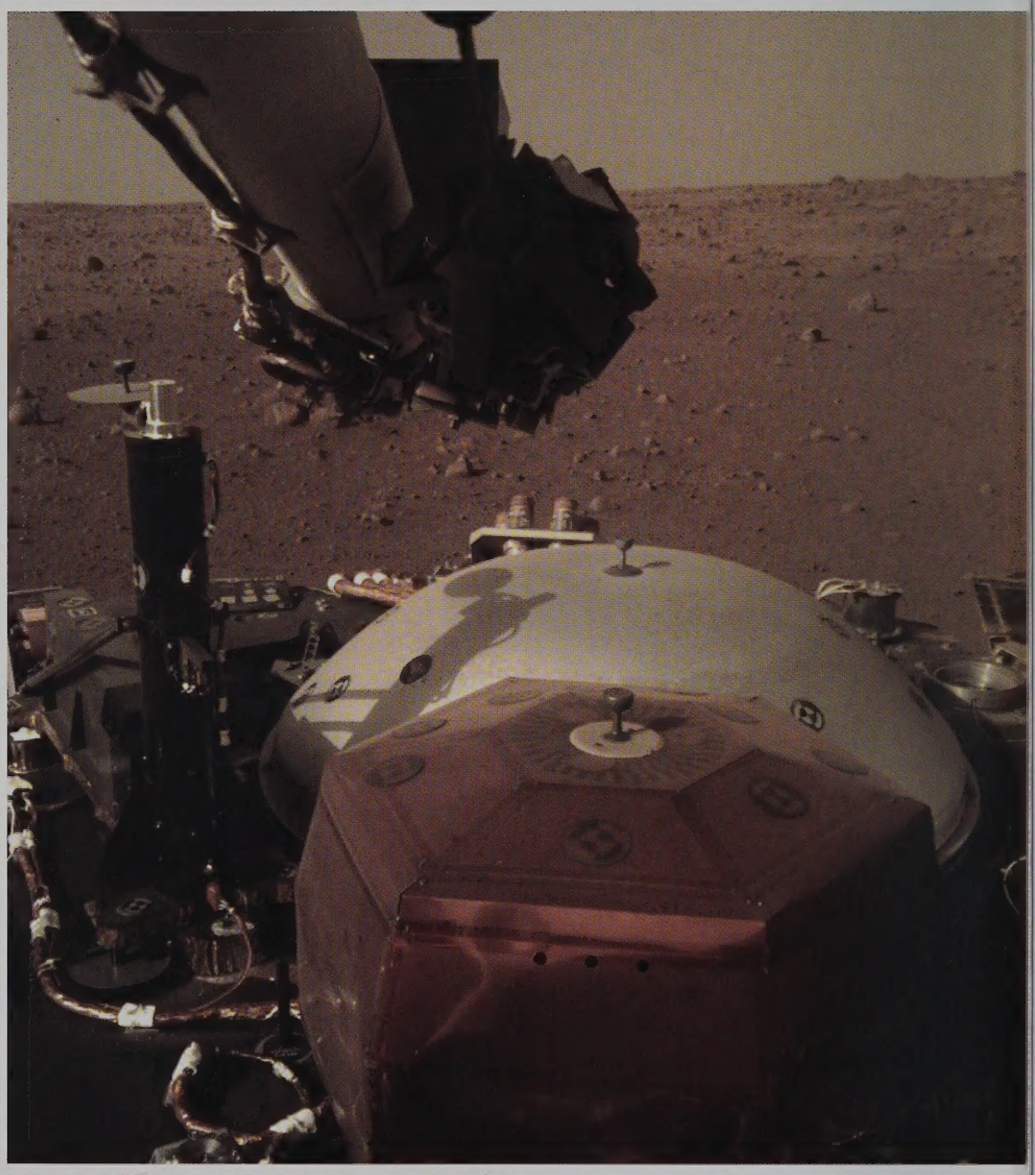
SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY

Seeing Red

November marks a major space exploration accomplishment as NASA's InSight spacecraft lands on Mars. The journey was especially tricky because InSight was too far away to pilot the landing, so the craft landed itself, slowing from 12,300 mph in 6.5 minutes. InSight embarked on a two-year geologic core study, which scientists hope will help them better understand why two rocky planets like Mars and Earth are so geologically different.



Looking to the Past

Genetic testing kits like 23andMe and Ancestry continue to grow in popularity. Their use helped investigators find crime suspects and solve decades-old cold cases. There was also a downside, with some users finding unexpected results, leading to uncomfortable family talks.

A Bite of the Profit

Strong sales and a loyal following of users helps Apple reach a financial milestone in August: it becomes the first U.S. public company worth $1 trillion. However, disappointing sales of the new iPhone XR and iPhone XS, as well as concerns about smartphone addiction and planned obsolescence, were factors in the company's subsequent drop below the $1 trillion mark.

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"To whom much is given, much is expected."

-Luke 12:48.

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